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Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program

**Project Scores and
Factual Findings**

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Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	BLM Arcata Field Office	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>114.89</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	4	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

Samoa Dunes Recreation Area is open 365 days per year to all types of OHV's (motorcycles, ATV's, 4WD's, sand rails, etc.) that are capable of riding over sand dunes and/or the waveslope as documented in the 1997 "Samoa Dunes Recreation Area Final Visitor Services Plan" and BLM's Recreation Management Information System (RMIS), Report #44, both of which are available and on file at the BLM Arcata Field Office.

During the springtime and winter rainy season, the sand is usually wet and more compact, which is preferred by most motorcycle and 4WD riders because it is easier to ride over than the softer sand that occurs during the summer and fall. Most ATV and dunebuggy riders prefer sand that has some, but not too much moisture to it. This information is based on 25 years of the same BLM Outdoor Recreation Planner observing rider behavior and discussing with OHV enthusiasts their preferred trail conditions at the site.

Skill levels range from beginning (at the "Training Site" and "Tot Lot Trail"), intermediate (the Beacon trail system and "Jetty/Bunker Trail", to more advanced ("One-Way Loop Trail"). Trail signs identify the trails' difficulty. Refer to the "Trails Map" in the "Trail Maintenance Project" for names and locations of the various trails.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)		
X	3-more (5 points)		
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5
Concur.			

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)		
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)		
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2
Concur.			

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)		
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)		
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)		
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3
Concur.			

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-1-NO-51	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$16,500	N		95
OR-1-NO-50	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$22,000	N		95
OR-1-NO-51	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$16,500	N		100
OR-1-NO-50	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$22,000	N		100
OR-1-NO-51	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$16,500	N		100
OR-1-NO-54	01/23/2006	01/23/2007	\$8,450	N		100
OR-1-NO-50	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$22,000	N		100
OR-1-NO-50	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$22,000	N		95
OR-1-NO-51	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$16,500	N		100
OR-1-NO-54	01/23/2006	01/23/2007	\$8,450	N		100
OR-1-NO-50	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$22,000	N		95
OR-1-NO-51	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$16,500	N		100
OR-1-NO-54	01/23/2006	01/23/2007	\$8,450	N		100
OR-1-NO-50	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$22,000	N		95
OR-1-NO-51	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$16,500	N		100
OR-1-NO-54	01/23/2006	01/23/2007	\$8,450	N		100
OR-1-NO-50	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$22,000	N		95

OR-1-NO -51	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$16,500	N		100
OR-1-NO -54	01/23/2006	01/23/2007	\$8,450	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$104,590	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					45	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
X	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
X	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
X	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

The OHV program at Samoa Dunes places heavy emphasis on the prevention of OHV intrusion into environmentally sensitive habitat areas that include the 40-acre endangered plant protection and the 120-acre wetland protection area. These two areas are completely barricaded with post and cable barriers, and over 30 signs are posted along the barriers to inform riders that these areas are closed to vehicle use. Three law enforcement rangers provide a presence at least five days per week, and their patrols cover the entire 400-acre project area. This law enforcement presence provides a deterrent to deviant behavior, as riders fully expect to see a ranger when they visit Samoa Dunes. Patrols logs kept at the BLM Arcata Field Office document specific ranger activities. The BLM Recreation Planner also patrols Samoa Dunes at least twice per week to detect particular signing needs, and repair or replacement of barriers. A brochure and three kiosks display narratives and maps of open and closed areas. The private property boundary at the north end of Samoa Dunes on the waveslope is heavily signed, and patrols occur at this particular site at least five days per week to prevent riders from traveling north along the beach. Refer to the photo sections of the FO&M, Law Enforcement, and Trail Maintenance projects for evidence of barriers, signs, kiosks, and law enforcement presence. The Samoa Dunes brochure and large duplicate maps displayed on kiosks are available at the BLM Arcata office.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)

a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).

☒ Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)

☐ No (answer item b below)

Applicant Score	10	Division Findings	10	Concur.
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b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.

Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)

☐ Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)

☐ Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)

☐ Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)

Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
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c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)

☐ Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)

☐ Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)

Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
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6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.				
Two kiosks (one at the entrance and one at the OHV staging area) display large maps of the recreation area, showing which areas are open and closed to OHV use. Regulations are listed on the kiosks describing measures needed for safe and responsible OHV use. Additional safety signs are installed at strategic locations to inform OHV riders speed limits, need to have flags, and to be aware of non-OHV users in the area. Free brochures are available at the entrance kiosk. The brochure shows a map of the recreation area, facility locations, locations of open riding areas, sensitive habitat areas closed to OHV use, interpretive information, and a list of the area's regulations. The BLM Arcata Field Office maintains a website describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices.				
a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
X	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
X	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
X	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
X	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards		Other (specify):	
	CDs	X	Television	
	Community meetings		Parades	
	OHV Dealers	X	Radio	
X	Fairs	X	School Programs	
X	News Releases	X	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>Vegetation monitoring occurs on an annual basis. Quantitative and photo monitoring documents OHV user patterns and determines native plant community population trends and resilience to potential OHV disturbance. Methodologies include relative frequency using quadrat frequency, photo documentation, and intuitive controlled methods. If any special status plants are found outside of protective enclosures, they will immediately be fenced and the site closed to OHV use.</p> <p>Annual seasonal surveys of birds, in particular the California brown pelican, the northern harrier, and western snowy plover, occur to determine presence/absence, age, reproductive status, and areas of use. This information is to ascertain potential disturbance from OHV use.</p> <p>Small mammal surveys and trapping also occur annually to determine species and population trends.</p> <p>Twelve permanent photo points have been established throughout the area to monitor landscape changes over time. Five of these photo points are also used as part of the soil loss, wildlife habitat, and stream channel and crossing monitoring checklists/tables.</p> <p>Prior to, and within one week of trail maintenance and sign installment activities, a BLM botanist and BLM wildlife biologist will survey the trails and sign locations for the presence of endangered, threatened, rare, or sensitive species or suitable habitat for such species. No trail shall be maintained or sign installed if any threatened, endangered, or sensitive species are encountered within 100 feet of these projects.</p> <p>Supporting documents include annual vegetation monitoring reports, annual wildlife monitoring reports, soil conservation program monitoring tables, and photo point documentation, all of which are available at the BLM Arcata Field Office.</p>				

(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p> <p>Approved sound level testing equipment is located at Samoa Dunes in the law enforcement shed of the caretaker's compound. The vast majority of OHV riders observed to date are family-oriented, and thus they feel no need to modify their vehicles and increase their noise levels. BLM Rangers and Outdoor Recreation Planner have been trained on the use of the testing equipment and it is readily available if the need to use it arises.</p>
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Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
X	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	BLM Barstow Field Office	Application Year:	2007/2008
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1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>3.03</u>				
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<input type="checkbox"/> The top fifth receives (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The second fifth receives (4 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The third fifth receives (3 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The fourth fifth receives (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The last fifth receives (1 point)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	2	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
X	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
X	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

Public lands managed by the Barstow Field office provide the widest possible variety of legal OHV opportunity for different skill levels. At the beginning level, the El Mirage, Stoddard Valley and Johnson Valleys each have flat dry lakebeds and wide dirt roads good for beginners learning to ride. The 5 open areas and the designated route network include tens of thousands of acres and hundreds of miles of changing terrain for riders in the intermediate skill level. The open areas contain thousands of acres of challenging mountains for the advanced skill level.

The Dumont Dunes OHV Area contains every type of sand dune configuration know, therefore offering small hills and gentle slopes for beginners, wide ranging dunes with deeper bowls and tall hillclimbs for intermediate riders, and there is comp hill for the advanced duner. The open route network ranges from graded and maintained dirt roads for beginning dual sport riding, to the Mojave Road and similar long distance routes with intermediate challenges, and rugged single track trails in remote areas for advanced riders.

Descriptions of these opportunities are located at the BLM Barstow web page:

http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/barstow_recreation.1.html

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)**a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)**

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

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OR-1-CD-344	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$15,250	N		100
OR-1-CD-340	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$384,800	N		100
OR-1-CD-343	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$53,350	N		100
OR-1-CD-291	10/01/2003	06/30/2007	\$43,000	Y	Review and approval of engineering plans took longer than expected at the BLM Denver Service Center.	100
OR-1-CD-271	01/01/2002	06/30/2007	\$95,500	Y	Property acquired by San Bernardino County with OHV grant funds. However, there were complications in transferring title from the county to the bureau. There were also delays with engineering and contracting.	100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$2,382,029	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					47%	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	1	The application indicates that 47% of the cost of the applicant's OHV program in the most recent complete fiscal year was OHV Trust Funds.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

Various planning and legal authorities are used to designate areas for riding, limiting use or prohibiting access. The five OHV recreation areas are fenced or signed to prevent intrusions. We are signing designated open routes to identify legal opportunities, helping prevent route system intrusions. We apply temporary emergency closures where continuing OHV intrusions occur. These areas are then restored and protected with vehicle barriers, signing, and enforcement patrols. Violators are cited or given written warnings.

Intensive OHV use areas are patrolled frequently by law enforcement staff, including boundary enforcement. El Mirage and Dumont Dunes are typically patrolled by one or more LE Officers every weekend, intermittently mid-week. The other open areas are patrolled monthly, during holiday weekends and for special events. Occasionally, Rangers team up with officers from other agencies to saturate an OHV hot spot. Rangers occasionally patrol Dumont Dunes, the surrounding wilderness and ACECs, with Death Valley NP aircraft. Visitor patrols are done intermittently on the designated route system by Rangers and visitor services staff. They patrol some part of the field office every day, including prevention of intrusions.

The San Bernardino County Sheriff's office conducts routine patrols at El Mirage, Stoddard and Johnson Valleys, including enforcement of private property laws. On holiday weekends the sheriff runs a mobile command center next to the BLM command post at Dumont Dunes. We also assign 10 to 20 staff patrolling closures, high use areas and wilderness seeking voluntary compliance. These patrols are in service with dispatch and use 4 wheel drives and OHVs.

Two Park Rangers are assigned to patrol OHV areas, primarily El Mirage, Stoddard and Johnson Valleys. One is a permanent employee, the other temporary. More than half their time is seeking voluntary compliance of resource, riding and private property regulations, to prevent intrusions. There are 5 Law Enforcement Rangers in the Barstow Office. About one quarter of their time is patrolling public lands to enforce OHV closures, private property and wilderness area.

Our program also prevents intrusions with facility development. We fenced the perimeter of the El Mirage OHV Area. Next, we are fencing the Dumont Dunes OHV Area. Dozens of vehicle barriers were built across the BFO. Locations with barriers include Calico, Afton Canyon, Amargosa Canyon, Sperry Wash, Inscription Canyon, Ord Mountains, Juniper Flats, Stoddard Valley and Salt Creek. Vehicle barriers are now being installed at Coolgardie.

Overall program guidance is in the National Management Strategy for Motorized OHV use on Public Lands; www.blm.gov/ohv/OHV_FNL.pdf. Specifics about the BFO OHV program, staffing and patrol work is in the OHV open area management plans, plus WEMO and NEMO CDCA Plan Amendments. The plans include actions to control intrusions. Staffing level information is not publicly documented; positions, scope of work and target staffing levels are specified in the plans. Vehicle barriers are documented in supplemental project environmental assessments available in the BFO on request. These include Sperry Wash, Dumont Dunes NPLD 2000, Calico NPLD 1999 and 2001, Dumont Dunes 2007.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

The Barstow office uses a multidisciplinary education and outreach program for managing OHV recreation on about 3 million acres of public land. The first part is proactive work with national partnerships producing and marketing education and outreach products focused on responsible OHV use. This includes TV commercials, magazine ads, posters, signs, kiosks, and printed materials for visitor service patrols where information is provided about riding opportunities, sensitive desert resources, environmental concerns and legal riding requirements. On the national level we support groups like Tread Lightly and the ATV Safety Institute. We distribute their messages through fairs, handouts, local outreach, webpages and special events.

On a regional level our outreach includes a series of formal and informal processes for public involvement with our OHV program. We work with friends groups at three of our open areas, El Mirage (<<http://www.elmirage.org/>>), Dumont Dunes (<<http://www.friendsofdumontdunes.org/>>) and at Johnson Valley with the Friends of Giant Rock. We also work with the BLM Dumont Dunes Technical Review Team (<<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/barstow/dumontdunestr.html>>) managing the permit program at the dunes. These relationships provide an interactive forum for exchanging thoughts and ideas regarding the whole range of issues associated with managing our OHV program. We are able to get out important public information and in return we get feedback about how effective our program is.

The next part of our program is work at the local level providing education and public information about responsible off-roading. A key element is teaching local elementary school children proper OHV etiquette. We do this through a module about OHVs in our Desert Discovery Center Outdoor Classroom. We also require Student Conservation Association (SCA) crew members to spend some work time developing and delivering OHV education activities. Public OHV information about legal and illegal riding opportunities is posted on kiosks in every open area and distributed at popular use areas. We distribute flyers with maps showing legal riding and closed areas at our office, on kiosks and through our field staff.

The BLM Barstow Field Office's Desert Discovery Center (DDC) is a 7,000 square foot facility surrounded by thirteen acres of public land located in the heart of Barstow, CA. The DDC is comprised of a unique partnership between the BLM, National Park Service, Barstow Unified School District, Barstow Community College, Mojave River Valley Museum, City of Barstow, and the Discovery Trails Corporation. As a result of this collaborative effort, the partnership created environment-based education programs for K-12 grade students. All programs are taught in correspondence to California State Educational Standards, but are intentionally more hands-on than a traditional classroom setting. OHV curriculum includes Tread Lightly and On the Right Trail. One of our partners, Discovery Trails, hosts a website for the DDC at www.discoverytrails.org.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
<input type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

These Best Management Practices minimize potential adverse effects to species of concern for BLM and the California Department of Fish and Game. They are provided to employees, partners, permittees, and contractors for field activities.

- § Avoid vehicle collisions with wildlife or vegetation.
- § Restrict vehicles to designated open routes or OHV Open areas.
- § Do not destroy vegetation, except research or inventory work directed by a biologist.
- § Handle wildlife only when necessary for research or inventory, as part of monitoring training, or as provided by a biologist.
- § Obtain necessary permits for monitoring, inventory or research.
- § Pack out and dispose trash and food items.
- § Do not enter mines or confined spaces, and report their presence and location to BLM.
- § Comply with posted speed limits. Drive as road conditions allow, limit 20 mph.
- § Provide training for identifying species found in Tables 2 and 3.
- § Record UTM coordinates and information for the California Natural Diversity Database if species in Tables 2 and 3 are encountered. Notify the Biologist upon finding injured or skeletal remains of species in Table 3.

An authorized BLM biologist or natural resource specialist shall:

- § Before any activity, walk transects spaced at 30-foot intervals on flat, open terrain, 15-foot intervals in dense vegetation or rocky hillsides, to check for the presence of species in Tables 2 and 3.
- § The Biologist shall assign a disposition and report findings of injured or dead animals to the US Fish and Wildlife Service and/or to the California Department of Fish and Game.
- § Designate a field contact responsible for: (a) compliance with protective stipulations for species in Tables 2 and 3; (b) providing each participant the stipulations for species in Tables 2 and 3.

Special BMPs for protecting Desert Tortoise are also in effect:

- § At no time shall anyone drive cross-county outside of OHV Open Areas.
- § Park vehicles on previously disturbed lands.
- § The Biologist shall provide a map with known habitat for species in Tables 2 and 3 to avoid. Flagging and tape shall demarcate sites off-limits.
- § Only an authorized BLM biologist, natural resource specialist, or research scientist shall move a tortoise.
- § Stop activity if a tortoise enters work area. The tortoise is to be left alone, activity may continue after it moves on.
- § Check for tortoises under vehicles and equipment before moving them. If one is present, wait until it moves out of harm's way.
- § Store trash and food in secure containers to prevent feeding Ravens (*Corvus corax*), Coyotes (*Canis latrans*), or feral dogs.
- § Pets shall not be present at DT monitoring sites.
- § The Biologist shall maintain records of species monitored in Tables 2 and 3. Records shall contain: (a) locations in UTMs NAD 83 and dates of observations; (b) general condition or health of animal; (c) data required for inclusion in the California Department of Fish and Game's Natural Diversity Database.

Sources

- <<http://www.blm.gov/ohv/>>
- <<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/prog/planning.html>>

(Check all that apply.)				
	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p> <p>The Barstow OHV program primarily relies on voluntary sound level compliance. Sound level tests are not administered in the field because of the difficulty establishing a controlled environment with the requisite quiet background.</p>

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b.	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c. X	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	BLM Bishop Field Office	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>146.13</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	4	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	6	Division Findings	6	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

A majority of the OHV recreation opportunities in the Bishop BLM are dispersed among the 2,500 miles of routes spread over 710,000 acres, with no support facilities. There is one Open area, where vehicles are not limited to designated routes, of 1,800 acres. OHV opportunity is available 12 months out of the year. A variety of maps and publications are available to the public directing them to areas where OHV opportunities can be found. There are several different types of maps, guides and brochures which will be discussed. An excellent example of a map that contains OHV routes, indicates difficulty rating with the routes well signed, mileage to features and includes interruptive and safety information would be the Motor Touring in the Eastern Sierra and Death Valley. This free BLM produced 51 page map book is available at many locations and on-line at: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop/suv/index.html>. The routes in this guide are beginner and intermediate, however, difficulty rating is subjective, since opinions and experiences will differ. (Bishop BLM is now producing an additional map book with 10-12 new loops.)

On the other end of the scale, for instance, would be the road and trail system in the White Mountains. This system of several hundred miles has skill level prospects for beginners, intermediate, and advanced operators of SUVs, 4X4 vehicles, ATVs, RUV, and motorcycles. Because of steep and rugged down hills in this area the "Extreme Difficulty" (Rockart® 10-526) is put to use to warn motorists before they become committed in a down hill situation.

The above illustration are examples of OHV opportunities available in the Bishop BLM area. In addition, the following maps and guides are available to the public which enhance the OHV experience, reduce conflicts and protect natural resources. These maps are available at multiple location throughout the area including visitor centers, motorcycle shops, bookstores and online. Some examples are included in this application and can also be viewed in a binder titled 2008 Off-Highway Vehicle Grant Information in the BLM public room at 351 Pacu Lane, Bishop.

1. Volcanic Tableland map and brochure, this map was designed in cooperation with the Inyo National Forest and is an example of coordinated route signing between the agencies. Free
2. Bodie Hills Hunter Information, contains map of the Bodie Hills dispersed OHV area. Free
3. Poleta Canyon developed OHV area map identifies two staging areas. The Open area boundaries are shown on the map and signed on the ground. Free
4. Welcome to the Eastern Sierra, this is a general vicinity map of the entire Resource Area along with trail etiquettes, user safety and resource protection. Free
5. Inyo/Toiyabe National Forest map, shows surrounding land ownership and USGS topographic map names. \$6.00
6. Sierra Maps© offers several recreational locality maps. The maps identify popular OHV areas, loops, kiosks and OHV launch points. The legend categorize routes such as single track motorized, 4 WD technical and Wilderness boundaries. This map is produced in cooperation with the Bishop BLM and the Inyo National Forest. \$9.95

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE						
Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for <u>all</u> Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.						
Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-1-B-5 2	12/03/2004	02/28/2006	\$37,000	N		100
OR-1-B-5 3	12/03/2004	08/01/2007	\$50,000	N		100
OR-1-SW -34	12/03/2004	08/01/2007	\$68,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$501,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					30	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

The Bishop Field Office Law Enforcement Plan identifies OHV intrusion, such as cross-country travel, creation of new routes, travel into closed areas and incursion into Wilderness as a high priority. The absence of natural barriers to prevent cross-country vehicle travel has limited the ability to restrict vehicles from traveling off existing roads and trails. To address this issue we have crafted a multi-faceted program that includes educational outreach, regulatory signs along with barricades and patrol presence.

We have identified OHV problem areas and patrol them 2-3 times per week, including weekends and holidays. BLM rangers, Park Rangers, volunteer Trail Rangers and concurrent or adjacent enforcement agencies collaborate patrols. An example of collaboration is the agreement (MOU) between Bodie State Park law enforcement personnel and the BLM, Bodie enforcement personnel patrol BLM lands conducting noise/spark arrestor checks, providing information/maps and issue citations when violations occur. (Patrol logs, are available upon request at the BLM Bishop Field Office.)

During patrols, educational materials are made available to the public. Additionally, signs and other regulatory devices are checked with replacement or repairs made on the spot. Highly sensitive areas or where repeated incursion have occurred have been fenced or barricade. An example of fencing would be the Pleasant Valley hill climb or the rock barricade at several hillclimbs in the Tungsten Hills. (file on this projects are located at the Bishop Field Office public room as well as the Bodie State Park MOU in a binder titled 2008 OHV Grant Application).

Wilderness intrusions, while not large in number are a concern. The Bishop BLM has one designated Wilderness, the Inyo Mountains, which is within deer hunt zone X9c. To help prevent Wilderness violations during hunting season, our patrols are increased to include all weekends and evenings. We also meet and discuss issues with Dept of Fish and game. Every attempt is made to make face-to-face contact with visitors and provide them with educational and/or regulatory brochures. (these brochures are can be viewed in the public room at the Bishop BLM office. These brochures have also been provided to the OHMVRD HQ for public display.)

Private property intrusions are not a significant issue. However, Bishop BLM does provide maps, trespass, camping, sanitation, and Leave no Trace educational brochures for public lands that contain private property. A case in point would be the Hunter Information brochure that was developed in cooperation with the Toiyabe National Forest and California State Parks, OHMVR Division. (the brochure may be viewed in the Bishop BLM public room in a binder titled 2008 OHV Grant Application).

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
X	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

Environmental education and outreach for the Bishop OHV program began in 1992 through a grant funded by OHMVRD when this office adopted the Semi-Primitive Motorized management philosophy. Since then, many enhancements have been made to the program. Brochures and Web pages have been updated to reflect new technological advances in media and equipment. An example would be the ATV/RUV (Rhino) brochure. see

<http://www.blm.gov/style/medialib/blm/ca/pdf/pdfs/bishop_pdfs/ohv.Par.69286.File.dat/ohv_ca170.pdf

> Additionally, our many brochures now contains Web sites, phone numbers or information on other pertinent agencies for the OHV visitors that may be seeking additional data.

Environmental education and outreach is disseminated in the following ways:

1. Patrol personnel routinely pass out educational and regulatory brochures.
2. Volunteer Trail Rangers have donated 700 hrs of visitor services time on public lands talking with visitors about Trail ethics and safety. (patrol logs available at the Bishop Field office)
3. We maintain nine kiosks, or display boards where visitors are likely to be with information on responsible OHV use.
4. The Bishop BLM is a certified member of "Hands on The Land" a program the connects teachers, students and parents with the public land and BLM Staff conduct multiple outdoor environmental ethics programs with the local middle school annually.
5. Host public club meetings such as Eastern Sierra/Cal 4WD club meetings where ethics and safety are routinely discussed.
6. We maintain a Web page with ethics, safety where to ride and where it is illegal to ride.
<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop.html>
7. We provide this information to the local motorcycle shops. (Golden State Cycle 760 872-1570, and Bishop Motosports 760 872 4717)
8. We staff booths at the county fair, and special recreation events hosted by Mammoth Mountain. (Lisa Isaacs environment@mammoth-mtn.com <<mailto:environment@mammoth-mtn.com>> and tri-county fair Tawni Thompson 760 872 8405)
9. We provide news releases on important OHV matters. Example would be the News Release on noise testing discussed in this application. (a copy of news release is in a binder in the Bishop BLM public room)
10. Local radio and television interviews with interagency personnel to encourage responsible OHV use. (transcripts at KSRW Sierra Wave ch33, 760 873-5329, or we can obtain for review)

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): Booths at OHV events	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>The Bishop BLM professional biologist, botanist and GIS specialist maintain detailed monitoring statistics on special status species and sensitive habitat compiled over three decades. The information gleaned from these records are used to guide management practices and to make decisions. For instance, Greater Sage-Grouse leks (mating grounds) are seasonally closed to motor vehicles through the use of fencing and gates. Furthermore, prime habitat has been closed to motor vehicle use through barricades, and previous OHV damaged lands have undergone restoration treatments to improve habitat.</p> <p>See these links for detailed information on sage-grouse and other special status species, Best Management Practices.</p> <p>http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop/restoration.html</p> <p>http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bishop/biological_resources/index.html</p> <p>http://www.blm.gov/ca/pdfs/bishop_pdfs/eadocs/fy06/restoration_ea_final_for_web.pdf</p> <p>Also see the Bishop Resource Management Plan, Record of Decision (1993) on file with the Division.</p>				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
The Bishop BLM owns two professionally calibrated Quest model 1100 sound level meters. Sound testing is conducted as stated in News Release CA-CC-07-45 "The Bureau of Land Management is offering voluntary sound testing program for off-highway vehicles (OHV), including off-road motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles(ATV), Rhinos/Mules or other vehicles used on public lands. Individual testing will be conducted by appointment, including weekends, at the Bishop Field Office, 351 Pacu Lane, and other convenient locations. To make an appointment, contact Rich Williams at (760) 872-5033, e-mail, Richard_Williams@ca.blm.gov <mailto:Richard_Williams@ca.blm.gov> (Rich Williams is certified to conduct enforcement sound testing, see attached certificate. (Chris Real, DPS) Enforcement personnel are trained at the Law Enforcement level (Chris Real, DPS) and conduct sound level testing. An good example would be spring 2007. Enforcement personnel conducted an OHV check point in the Tungsten Hills, a popular OHV destination area. Several citation were written for noise as well as spark arrestor and registration violations.				
Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
X	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	BLM California Desert District Office	Application Year:	2007/2008
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1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>19.78</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The top fifth receives (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The second fifth receives (4 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The third fifth receives (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The fourth fifth receives (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The last fifth receives (1 point)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	3	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
X	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
X	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
X	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	6	Division Findings	6	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

The California Desert District (CDD) offers unique desert OHV recreation ranging from technical hill climbs in open and limited use areas to very easy terrain for beginners. Of the 11million acres managed by the BLM CDD, approximately 7 million acres are available to OHV recreation on designated routes and 500,000 acres are in OHV open areas. The CDD range of OHV opportunities include sand dunes (e.g. Imperial, Olancho, and Dumont), woodlands (e.g. Jawbone-Butterbredt), dry lake beds (e.g. El Mirage), upland scrub habitat (e.g. Meccacopia, Rand Mountains, and Yuha), and large washes (e.g. Chemehuevi).

California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan, as amended,

The California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC), in partnership with the BLM, has printed and distributed maps of OHV recreational routes throughout the CDD Resource Areas. These maps identify four-wheel drive routes, ATV and motorcycle routes, and motorcycle only routes. As a rule, these classifications are based on level of difficulty and access, where 4WD routes are technically relatively easy to navigate and access, ATV and motorcycle routes require intermediate skills to navigate, and motorcycle only routes are difficult to access and navigate.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-1-CD-285	01/31/2004	01/31/2007	\$250,000	N		100
OR-1-CD-285	10/01/2003	09/30/2006	\$250,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$1,008,249	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					66	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
X	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
X	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
X	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

Throughout the CA Desert District, management practices have been implemented to prevent OHV intrusion. Of these, signing is the most affordable and relatively ineffective. Temporary closures and fencing of areas have been used as a last resort or under pressure from the federal court resulting from lawsuits. These represent both ends of large spectrum of OHV intrusion prevention. It is the goal of the CA Desert District to manage sustainable recreation for future generations. Each project area utilizes different management practices to prevent OHV intrusion.

The Ridgecrest Field Office uses a variety of additional techniques that include press releases, recreation area guides, and on-site field contacts inform visitors about the desert tortoise and the areas use regulations. Through these approaches our goal is to get voluntary compliance with the regulations and to use the most cost efficient approach first. These techniques are often applied in various increments and intensities depending on the level of compliance with the area designation and the sensitivity of the resources. Often we will start with increased signing and small barriers to protect an area or close an incursion into an area. Along with these approaches we will often conduct restoration efforts as determined appropriate for the location and situation. If all of these techniques area not effective in obtaining voluntary compliance focused law enforcement efforts are employed. We have used these targeted enforcement efforts in areas such as the Kiavah Wilderness to prevent incursions, Jawbone ACEC to obtain compliance with the designated routes, and in the Rand Mountains to enforce an area closure.

The Palm Springs Field LE Rangers patrol numerous routes on a daily basis reporting environmental needs to the field office. The majority of areas are signed with Kiosk panels or 4x4 steel posts, which act as street signs. Carsonite stakes mark secondary trails and access points. Carsonites are vital to route signing because they are inexpensive, durable and flex when fallen against or driven over. Monitoring patrols often replace and/or report damage of signs to the recreation and resource departments. BLM officers work with other law enforcement agencies through such groups as the Riverside County Sheriffs Riverside Off-highway Vehicle Enforcement (ROVE) team, and the CVAG OHV Task Force. Rangers enforce federal regulations on public land to protect natural and cultural resources, while educating users about legal riding locations and permissions needed to utilize private lands

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

The CA Desert District Office spends a considerable amount of effort to educate the public in the "Leave No Trace" and "Tread Lightly" national programs. The CDD attends the annual LA County fair and participates in the interagency "Caring For the Land" display with the US Forest Service and LA County Fire. An outreach trailer has been acquired to mobilize this educational effort. CDD staff has attended the San Bernardino Sheriff's Rodeo to present "Rights of the Trail" which addresses conflicting resource uses between pedestrians, equestrians, and motorized travel. The CDD project areas are in Field Office resource areas which also have education and outreach programs.

In the Ridgecrest Field Office, a large effort to educate the public is the production of fifty-six Recreation Opportunity Guides (ROGs) that are divided up into the categories of General Information, Popular Sites, and Wilderness Areas. Some examples of the topics and sites these ROGs cover include Leave No Trace principles, Riding You OHV on Public Lands, Dove Springs OHV Area, Exploring the Panamint Valley, El Paso Wilderness, and Golden Valley Wilderness. Copies of these ROGs are available and distributed at both the Jawbone Station and the Ridgecrest Field Office. Additionally, we have provided binders with master copies and carousel distribution racks to the local airport and several area hotels. Information kiosks located in the field at major entry portals into management and staging areas inform the public on responsible OHV uses through brochures, maps, and recreation guides.

One of our largest efforts is through the operations of the Jawbone Station. This visitor center is open 365 days a year and all visitors are greeted and interacted with on a one on one basis. Additionally, the Ridgecrest office is a partner in the Sand Canyon Education Program that all local area fourth graders attend to learn about the regional flora, fauna, history, along with Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly principles.

The Palm Springs Meccacopia SRMA website was created to inform the visitors of ongoing plans and developments within the area. "The Mecca Hills Wilderness: Unique geology-Home of a unique plant" poster was developed and posted in areas of high OHV visitation to introduce the public to the Mecca Aster a flower which blooms during the high visitor use season. This information was largely accepted by the visitors and more interpretive information requested. Law Enforcement staff supplies the Blythe Chamber of Commerce with handouts regarding public lands. Law Enforcement and General Staff attend teacher resource days and career days often speaking out Off-Highway Vehicle Use. The Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator and Law Enforcement Personnel attend public meetings and OHV club events handing out Tread Lightly information and speaking about vehicle code. Each Thanksgiving a new brochure was produced for the users of Eastern Riverside County. The current brochures are:

Fire Ecology and Invasive Plants

Mecca Aster: An Endemic Plant of the Mecca & Indio Hills

Guide to Public Use: Meccacopia Special Recreation Management Area

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): Field Contacts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
<input type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

CDD FO staff have developed many Best Management Practices that are designed to enhance and protect species of concern from impacts of both recreational use as well as maintenance efforts within their critical habitats. The following are examples of mandated BMPs through the CDCA Plan (as amended). BLM Project-specific BMPs for the CDD are included as an additional document attached to this grant application.

Open Routes: No motorized vehicles are allowed to travel off routes, except in emergency situations or with the explicit permission of the BLM.¹

Washes: Motorized vehicle travel in washes is allowed only in those washes that are designated as "open routes" and signed appropriately.¹

Stopping, Parking and Camping: Within a Desert Wildlife Management Area (DWMA), motorized-vehicle -based camping is allowed in previously existing disturbed camping areas adjacent to motorized vehicle routes designated "open" and motorized vehicle and stopping and parking would be allowed within 50 feet of the centerline of the designated route.¹

Operators of heavy equipment shall be accompanied by an on-site monitor when working in desert tortoise habitat during the tortoise active period.²

Operators of light equipment used for trail maintenance, and project leaders for surface reclamation actions, shall watch for desert tortoises during all project activities.²

The equipment operator should watch for tortoises on the road whenever driving, transporting or operating equipment. Driving speeds should not exceed 30mph, and operating speeds should not exceed 5mph, to allow adequate visibility.²

The operator shall inspect underneath any parked equipment or vehicle immediately prior to moving it while in desert tortoise habitat.²

All trash and food items generated by project activities shall be promptly contained and regularly removed from the project site to reduce the attractiveness of the area to the common ravens and other desert tortoise predators.²

1 West Mojave Plan: A Habitat Conservation Plan and California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment, Vol. 1A, 2005 (Chapter 2, page 2-156).

2 Ridgecrest Resource Area-Wide Maintenance & Surface Restoration Environmental Assessment NEPA96-70, 1997 (pages12-14).

These documents are on file at both the Ridgecrest Field Office and with the CA Department of Parks and Recreation, OHMVR Division.

(Check all that apply.)

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| X | OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting |
| X | Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present |

Scoring: 1 point each

Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
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<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p>				
<p>In the Ridgecrest FO, staff conduct sound level testing in an effort to decrease this potential impact on other public land users. Testing is and can be performed by many trained staff members including Law Enforcement Rangers as well as several of the Recreation Branch employees. Along with field enforcement efforts by delegated Rangers we have conducted courtesy sound checks at the Jawbone Station, in association with the DIRT Team of California City, and on a call in basis at the Ridgecrest Field Office. Also, annually our Law Enforcement Rangers assist the Viewfinders Motorcycle Club with sound testing at their annual Grand Prix held in the city of Ridgecrest. Additionally, sound testing is performed on participants in all American Motorcycle Association sanctioned races held in the Spangler Hills Open Area.</p>				
<p>Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p>				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
X	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
<p>Maximum points available for General Criteria 62</p>				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	BLM California State Office	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>1.41</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	1	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	6	Division Findings	6	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

The BLM California State Office Application for OHMVR Trust Funds refers to multifaceted, integrated OHV programs throughout California to meet the range of public expectations for riding opportunities on 11 million acres and access to a further 4 million acres of non-motorized BLM public lands. In keeping with the many kinds of natural environments on public lands that BLM manages in California, the spectrum of BLM OHV opportunity is diverse, even spectacular. These opportunities are available year-round. Some seasonal or temporary closures are in effect if soil conditions make OHV trails impassable or if dust from trails is unhealthy for people.

Approximately 1 million acres of BLM lands are the most popular and most frequently visited OHV recreation lands. These areas comprise the BLM OHV Emphasis Areas as follows:

BLM Field Office	OHV Recreation Area	Types of Vehicle Use	Skill Levels Accomodated
Arcata	Samoa and	MC, ATV, 4x4, DB	B
Eureka Dunes*			
Barstow	Dumont Dunes*	MC, ATV, 4x4, DB	B, I, A
	El Mirage*	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
	Johnson Valley*	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
	Rasor*	MC, ATV, 4x4, DB	B, I, A
	Stoddard Valley*	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
Bishop	Poleta*	MC, ATV, 4x4, DB	B, I, A
Eagle Lake	Fort Sage	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
El Centro	Imperial Sand Dunes*	MC, ATV, 4x4, DB	B, I, A
	Lark Canyon	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
	Plaster City*	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
	Superstition Mts*	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
Hollister	Clear Creek	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
Lake Havasu	Copper Basin Dunes*	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
	Crossroads*	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
Palm Springs	Meccacopia	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
Ridgecrest	Dove Springs*	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
	Jawbone Canyon*	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A
Olancho Dunes*	MC, ATV, 4x4, DB	B, I, A	
Spangler Hills*	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A	
Ukiah	South Cow Mtn.	MC, ATV, 4x4	B, I, A

Areas with asterisks (*)are OHV Open Riding Areas.

The remaining 10 million acres open for OHV travel and riding have designated routes to bring people to “Backcountry OHV Opportunities” such as hunting, fishing, geo-exploring, camping, and wildlife viewing as well. Maps of BLM lands and of the specific OHV Emphasis Areas listed above are available from all BLM field offices, the California State Office,

Further information and documentation about these areas are available from the BLM California State Office Visitors Center, the Eastern Sierra Visitors Center, Jawbone Station, and at US Forest Service Ranger Stations in regions with nearby BLM lands. Non-governmental groups such as the American Sand Association and the Friends of Jawbone have develop additional maps and guides that benefit the OHV public greatly.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for all Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-1-SW-25	10/01/03	9/30/06	\$2,221,000	N		100
OR-1-SW-28	10/01/03	09/30/06	\$625,000	N		100
OR-1-SW-28	10/01/03	9/30/2006	\$625,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$875,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					76%	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	2	The applicant's response in the past performance section indicates no time extensions requested.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	0	The calculation indicates that 76% of the cost of the applicant's OHV program in the most recent complete fiscal year was OHV Trust Funds.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

Because the CSO is not directly involved with and direct management of land, these narratives, and answers to specific questions will be addressed from the Statewide OHV management perspective. Specific information on Law Enforcement programs is available in the 11 2008 grant applications being submitted by BLM Field Offices.

The legal framework for BLM's OHV Law Enforcement is based on provisions in Title 43 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 8340. (Copy available in Appendix B, Page 33-38). This section of the regulations enacts Executive Order 11644 (Appendix B, Page 27.) Among other provisions, this section:

- Defines OHV (ORV) vehicles and activities
- requires BLM to designate all lands as Open, Limited, and Closed, through the land use planning process
- requires designation all Limited lands with specific designations
- establishes a standard that allows OHV activities on public lands, but requires BLM to monitor the activities, and to close any area, road or trail that is causing adverse affects to other resources or other users
- Enables law enforcement officers to enforce laws establishes penalties for OHV user non-compliance with regulations.

BLM Rangers patrol all the 16 million acres of BLM land across California, concentrating on the 11 million acres of Open and Limited Use areas where OHV activities are authorized, and OHV Law Enforcement is one of their primary activities. Frequency of patrols varies widely statewide, but is generally a factor of the scope of the mission, which includes the number of available officers; the number of visitors; and the size of the area being patrolled. The approximately 40 Rangers statewide a generally challenged by the size of the area, and the reality of increasing visitor levels in a vast territory that of often inaccessible landscapes.

The BLM Rangers are assisted in the Law Enforce mission, and other visitor services tasks including Search and Rescue by BLM "park rangers" other BLM field staff. This additional staff is not empowered to enforce laws, but can contact Rangers by radio or phone, and serve as additional "presence" that can help with the enforcement mission.

Protection of Wilderness and non-designated potential wilderness (Wilderness Study Areas) is a major mission for Rangers, wilderness specialists, and other field staff. (See National OHV Strategy Appendix B pages20 and 21.)

Additional enforcement assistance is available to BLM Rangers through formal and informal agency cooperation and mutual aid from County, State and Federal agencies. In many areas, BLM contracts with local agencies for Law enforcement support. El Centro Field Office's Imperial Sand Dunes, works with a large coalition of local and federal officers to manage large visitor workloads on busy weekends.

Prevention of OHV intrusion is a mission that is vastly important to BLM, and requires far more than just law enforcement. In subsequent narratives, we will address education, natural resource management, and sound testing, which are also important components of the entire process. Although there is no narrative, facilities, including signs, trail maintenance are also important parts of the overall mission.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
X	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

BLM California views visitor education and outreach essential components of OHV management in California as efforts on behalf of the public support law enforcement and resource management of the overall mission.

The National OHV Strategy (See National OHV Strategy- Appendix B - pages 11 and 12) prescribes 3 goals and 15 individual actions for Education and Outreach activities to effectively manage OHV activities.

BLM California publishes 20 overall Land Status maps statewide, and local offices provide an additional 25 maps specifically for OHV emphasis areas statewide. Copies of these maps are available at the California State office in Sacramento. Additional maps that portray OHV opportunity on BLM lands are available from private map companies, and online providers.

Every BLM office has a visitor information desk with maps available for sale and a public phone contact number. Several visitor centers and many cooperating partner agencies provide information for safe and responsible OHV operation. In Ridgecrest, Jawbone Station, an OHV visitor center specializes in OHV contact and information; El Mirage and Imperial sand dunes also have small visitor centers as part of the OHV outreach program. OHV emphasis areas, and other BLM lands also have a variety of trailheads, kiosks and signs to provide visitor information, including OHV ethics messages.

Most BLM offices participate in a variety of public meetings and at school events, and safe and responsible OHV operation is a normal theme, often the entire focus of these opportunities. Two of the projects in this grant application- Desert Tortoise Safety and Education; and Archeology Site Stewardship - are educational programs. See the specific applications included here for additional information.

BLM has a National Website that provides links to the State Websites, and in turn, to a website of each BLM Field Office. It can be accessed at www.blm.gov <<http://www.blm.gov>>. BLM California has an online weekly news blog that provides all news releases and additional feature stories, many of which are devoted to OHV information and themes.

Most BLM offices in California participate in local fairs and regional events like OHV exhibitions. OHV information, including guidelines for OHV user ethics, is the major theme of the displays and other outreach at these events.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): <u>Visitor Centers</u>	
	CDs		Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings		Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers		Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>Every BLM Field Office has a resource management staff that includes range conservationists, biologists, cultural resource archaeologists, planners, NEPA document specialists, and other environmental specialists.</p> <p>Because of the broad diversity of BLM ecosystems in California, everything from redwood forests to subtropical desert woodlands, BLM resource specialists develop Best Management Practices keyed to their local ecosystems. Local BMPs are in addition to mandated BMPs, for example, from US Fish and Wildlife Service for T&E species like Desert Tortoise, the BLM National OHV Strategy, and other regulatory agencies. BMPs are included with all NEPA documents including the resource CAT Xs included in this grant application. These BMPs have sign-off approval by the Resources Branch Chief at the originating BLM field office.</p> <p>Large tracts of public lands, numerous issues, and sometimes heavy workloads, BLM resource professionals have supplemental support from field-experienced recreation staff. Much of OHV-related resource monitoring inevitably is performed by technicians, trail system managers, park rangers, and BLM Rangers, many of whom have additional training and formal education in resource management sciences. BMPs provide the framework for conservation management to the technical staff charged with day-to-day monitoring and other detection of unauthorized activities. BMPs are also in place through protocols for maintenance activities (for dust control, vehicle speed limits, etc.) to avoid adverse effects to natural and cultural resources.</p> <p>The OHMVR program has a set of requirements for monitoring and corrective actions. Most applications, including this one, include WHPP/HMP and soils program narratives that detail the management programs for these programs. This application includes two projects for baseline resource information to develop more detailed BMPs for managing responses to erosion and sedimentation on sensitive soils.</p>				

(Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p>
<p>In past years, the OHMVR program made a priority of OHV sound level testing, and provided training and purchase funding for OHV Sound testing equipment. 11BLM offices have equipment and trained staff, and provide at least some sound testing. Additional documentation is available in the OHV grant applications for field offices.</p> <p>Redding, Bishop, and Ridgecrest Offices have a publicized program for voluntary testing, on an appointment basis at the Field Office, or other announced locations. All offices with sound testing equipment occasionally schedule patrols or checkstation locations periodically, and have the capacity to test excessively loud OHVs.</p> <p>Most offices that allow OHV permitted activities include a technical inspection, including sound level testing as a requirement for participation. Many of these include participation by volunteers who specialize in sound testing. Offices that include technical and sound level testing for permitted or competitive events include: El Centro, Barstow, Ridgecrest, Hollister, Bishop, Redding, Ukiah and Eagle Lake.</p> <p>Most field offices with cooperating agencies on adjoining lands provide and accept support with sound testing. Examples of this include Ridgecrest and Sequoia National Forest; Bishop FO, Bode State Park and the Inyo National Forest; and Redding and the Shasta Trinity National Forest.</p>

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	BLM El Centro Field Office	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>63.32</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The top fifth receives (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The second fifth receives (4 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The third fifth receives (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The fourth fifth receives (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The last fifth receives (1 point)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	3	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
X	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
X	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
X	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	6	Division Findings	6	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

The BLM El Centro Field Office (ECFO) manages three OHV open areas, one designated OHV trail system, and 3,486 miles of OHV routes. The Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area provides 83,253 acres of open OHV use. It is comprised of low flat sandy areas to 300 foot steep slip face dunes that extend in a band averaging five miles wide and 40 miles long. It provides an OHV experience for every imaginable type of OHV, but you can regularly see buggies, motorcycles, ATVs, 4x4s, and side by sides. The terrain allows for a range from beginner to expert. The Superstition Mtn. Open Area provides 13,000 acres of open area to all types of OHVs and 4x4 vehicles. It encompasses a wide variety of challenges from flat dry lake bed to large sand dunes and rocks. It also ranges from beginner to expert levels. The 41,000 acres of Plaster City Open Area is home to sanctioned trophy truck, ATV, and motorcycle races. These permitted events draw thousands of visitors and racers, as well as casual OHV and 4x4 recreationalists to the hard packed dirt terrain. This area is rated from beginner to moderate. In total, the ECFO manages 137,253 acres of open area.

Lark Canyon OHV area is a designated OHV trail system located in the mountains of eastern of San Diego County. It encompasses 38 miles of opportunity for OHV 40 inches wide or less, and at many times, is the only designated OHV area in the county. It encompasses skill levels from beginner to expert and is heavily utilized by the trials motorcycle clubs for competition events.

The ECFO also manages thousands of acres of limited use areas. These areas encompass 3,448 miles of off-highway trails. Except in the Yuha Desert, where most trails are for street legal vehicles only, trails are open to all types of OHVs and 4x4 vehicles. Cross country travel is not permitted and skill levels can range from beginner to expert.

All trails and open areas are available for access 24 hrs per day and 365 days per year.

For further information please see the Imperial Sand Dunes Recreation Area Management Plan, Western Colorado Desert Routes of Travel Designation, Northern and Eastern Colorado Coordinated Management Plan, Eastern San Diego County Resource Management Plan, and corresponding environmental impact statements, environmental assessments, and biological opinions.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE						
Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for <u>all</u> Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.						
Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-1-CD-324	01/23/06	7/23/07	\$404,500	Y	Final payment was not received until after project completion date.	100
OR-1-CD-326	01/23/06	07/23/07	\$266,500	Y	Final payment was not received until after the project completion date.	100
OR-1-CD-324	01/23/06	07/23/07	\$404,500	Y	Final payment was not received until after project completion date.	100
OR-1-CD-274	10/01/02	6/30/05	\$577,000	Y	Extension requested to complete deliverables.	100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$5,125,718	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					12	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

The BLM El Centro Field Office takes proactive steps to educate and enforce rules and regulations for the conservation of public lands and prevent illegal intrusion onto closed, sensitive, private lands, and wilderness. In order to educate visitors in the OHV areas we manage, we have conducted the following:

- Installed kiosk at key entrance locations with maps displays and information on conservation, where open and closed areas are located, and who to contact for more information,
- Worked cooperatively with OHV groups to develop and distribute new Tread Lightly! brochures on site and on the internet,
- Developed and distributed maps (containing information on conservation, closed, sensitive, and wilderness areas) on site, on the internet, at OHV events, and in the local community,
- Aggressively signed closed and wilderness areas, as well as open legal routes,
- Restored illegal routes to prevent further trespass, and
- Regularly meet with special interest groups to answer question and educate visitors in regards to conservation practices.

In addition to the educational efforts, we also patrol the boundaries of the areas mentioned above with law enforcement rangers and non-law enforcement staff. The regular patrols concentrate during the high use periods such as weekends (Thursday through Monday) and winter holiday periods. A regular weekend may have approximately 15-20 staff on patrol and holiday periods may have 75-150. If a violator is encountered, he/she is contacted and either warned or cited by law enforcement.

BLM works cooperatively with the private land owners adjacent to the OHV areas. In some cases fencing and gates have been installed, and in others, education and outreach to prevent trespass has been conducted. In one location BLM is working with a private land owner who has fenced a portion of land but is willing to donate a small piece of land to increase the size of a regularly traveled OHV area to assist in the prevention of trespass.

Please reference plans listed in item three of this general criteria section, associated site specific environmental analysis. Time, travel, arrest, citation, incident, and patrol records, awarded contracts, meeting agendas and minutes are available at www.americansandassociation.org, www.isdratrt.org, information, brochures and maps at www.treadlightly.org and www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro.html, and can also be provided upon request.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

The El Centro Field Office education and outreach partnership program consists of three tiers: off site, on the way to the site, and on site.

BLM has teamed up with several partners to assist us in outreach and education for OHV recreation; two of those partners are the American Sand Association (ASA) and the United Desert Gateway (UDG). Our three tiered approach targets the OHV visitor to Imperial County. The first tier consists of the off-site outreach efforts. We try to instill Tread Lightly! ethics and provide information through our partners by utilizing web pages, an OHV guide newspaper developed for our area, distributing maps and brochures, attending OHV trade shows / events, conducting schools programs, utilizing local businesses to as information distribution points, through magazine articles and news releases, by regularly attending ASA public meetings to present information and answer questions, attending local fairs and events, and through a safety DVD program.

The second tier targets the OHV visitors as they are en route to the desert. As they are driving they see billboards, displaying OHV safety messages, along the major interstate routes that access the OHV areas. As they get closer to the destination points, the billboards continue and become more frequent. Once they are close to the site and on public lands, they will be advised by, the BLM and privately sponsored signs, about the rules and safety issues.

The third tier of the program consists of the communication with the visitors once they arrive on site. Once again, they will see signs and kiosks within the recreation area. In addition, brochures are distributed at camps and entry points and are also available at kiosks, and two electronic message boards display eye catching safety messages. BLM also has a volunteer camp hosts and a staffed ranger station to answer questions and distribute educational information. As OHV recreationalists ride throughout the desert, they can spot OHV riders and drivers displaying a checkered flag. The checkered flag program identifies visitors as friends of law enforcement who know and obey the rules and regulations on public lands.

For the above information, please reference the materials and webs site listed in section five of the general criteria and the BLM/UGD assistance agreement.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): <u>trade shows, OHV newspaper, etc</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CDs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c				

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

The BLM follows a set of Best Management Practices that minimize potential adverse effects to species of concern for BLM and the California Department of Fish and Game. These Practices are made available to all partners, permittee, and contractors. BLM lands except those specifically designated as OHV open areas, all vehicle traffic must remain on existing OHV routes.

BLM employees and contractors:

§ must take all possible measures to avoid vehicle collisions with wildlife or vegetation.

§ pack out all trash, including food items.

§ disturb as little vegetation as possible when they hike across arid land terrain.

§ do not destroy vegetation unless the vegetation sample is part of a research or inventory project.

§ handle wildlife only when it is necessary for completing a research or inventory project or as a part of training for a monitoring protocol.

§ must obtain the necessary permits for monitoring, inventory or research from the lead wildlife biologist at the BLM California Desert District office, from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, and from the California Department of Fish and Game.

§ adhere to the posted speed limit at all times when driving. When driving off-highway, the vehicle must drive as road conditions will allow, and in no case exceed 20 mph.

§ receive training for identifying sensitive species before they go to the field for restoration.

§ At no time shall the monitoring crew, crew leader, contractor, and BLM employees drive cross-county during restoration work.

§ Parking for vehicles shall occur only on previously disturbed lands.

§ Only an authorized BLM biologist, natural resource specialist, or research scientist shall move desert tortoises.

§ The authorized BLM biologist or natural resource specialist shall stop restoration work and shall move a desert tortoise out of harm's way whenever the restoration crew finds a desert tortoise at a restoration site.

§ Restoration crewmembers should look for desert tortoises, and other wildlife, under a vehicle or other motorized equipment before people move the vehicle or equipment. If a tortoise is present, the crewmember shall wait for the desert tortoise to move from under the vehicles and out of harm's way OR the crewmember shall contact the BLM biologist or natural resource specialist to remove and relocate the desert tortoise.

§ Monitoring crews shall contain all trash and food items in closed containers on restoration sites to reduce the attractiveness of the area to Common Ravens (*Corvus corax*), Coyotes (*Canis latrans*), and feral dogs.

§ Pets of any species shall not be present at any DT monitoring sites.

§ BLM employees or contractors conducting restoration work will watch their footing to avoid any contact with insects.

§ Comply with any and all objectives required by other environmental documentation and biological opinions

(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p> <p>The BLM EI Centro Field Office is committed to protecting the environment and cultural resources following the best practicable means for minimizing adverse environmental impact arising out of off-highway vehicle (OHV) use. In addition, Law Enforcement Rangers are constantly evolving in the enforcement of sound level testing and actively enforce California Vehicle Code (CVC) ensuring that off-highway vehicles are equipped with a silencer, or other device, which limits sound/noise emissions pursuant to CVC 38370(h). The EI Centro Field office currently has three sound meters and plans to train Law Enforcement Rangers this year as operators to further aid in the education and enforcement. Trained Law Enforcement Rangers will be assigned a sound/noise measuring device as part of his/her field equipment. All BLM EI Centro Field Office Law Enforcement Rangers on patrol will educate the public as contacts are made and as situations dictate. Law Enforcement Rangers will also make themselves available for those OHV enthusiasts who want to ensure their OHV is in compliance. Support staff involved in outreach programs and those who work in the field provide information to OHV enthusiasts on sound level compliance within OHV areas.</p> <p>BLM has conducted free sound level testing in the past. BLM staff would also provide special event organizers with a sound meter to test their participants for compliance and education. For example, in the Imperial Sand Dunes, organizers of a "Poker Run" would sound test the OHVs at one of the check points and advise visitors of the reading on their OHV. Also, the permitted racing event organizers are required to ensure all entrants comply with all BLM and California state laws, including OHV sound level requirements. Please reference BLM special recreation permits.</p> <p>Citations and sound meters can be provided upon request.</p>

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
X	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b.	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	BLM Hollister Field Office	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>0.37</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	1	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	6	Division Findings	6	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

Clear Creek Management Area (CCMA), a 63,000 acre OHV recreation area managed by the BLM Hollister Field Office in south San Benito County/north Fresno County, provides exceptional and nationally recognized (See March 2002 Dirt Rider Magazine) OHV recreation for 4X4's, ATV's and motorcycles, with motorcycles being ~90% of the user group and a total of approximately 35,000 annual visitors (based on 2005/2006 visitor-use season logs). CCMA is open for OHV use between October 15th and May 31st for a total of 7 ½ months. The area provides beginner to expert opportunities over the course of 242 miles of roads and trails for each of the above types of recreation (January 2006 Record of Decision).

Within the course of a ride, motorcycle riders can expect to travel on 242 miles of wide, improved roads, narrower 4X4 roads, ATV width trails, and technical single track designated for motorcycles only. There are also 14 individual Open Barren Play Areas encompassing 478 acres which are available for free riding and hill climbing (January 2006 Record of Decision). ATV's and 4X4's can expect a similar experience as motorcycles minus the respective trails designated for the narrower single track width.

Each use season, the BLM has traditionally received permit applications for and hosted 5 motorcycle races and one 4 Wheel Drive event at CCMA.

Please see the Appendix E, pp 18, 19 and 20 for the BLM's National Management Strategy for Motorized Off-Highway Vehicle Use on Public Lands. This document provides the framework guiding the opportunities available at Clear Creek Management Area.

Please also see January 2006 Record of Decision (Baseline Document for Project # OR-1-H-21) for full documentation of above; specifically Section 1.2 - Alternative A, Section 2.2, Section 2.3 - Table A, Section 2.6.1.B, Section 2.8, Table 3.1, Section 3.1, Section 3.2 and Appendices A, B and C.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-1-SW-34	12/03/2004	09/30/2006	\$149,240	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$1,200,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					12	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner

☒ No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control **(2 points)**

Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
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b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?

☒ 100% of Deliverable accomplished **(3 points)**

☐ 90% of Deliverables accomplished **(2 points)**

☐ 80% of Deliverables accomplished **(1 point)**

Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
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c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?

☐ No OHV Trust Funds were used **(4 points)**

☐ 10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund **(3 points)**

☒ 11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund **(2 points)**

☐ 26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund **(1 point)**

☐ More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund **(no score)**

Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
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5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

Prevention of OHV intrusion is accomplished through a new CCMA open route map (2007) available to the public, signs, fencing/barriers, vertical mulching, and law enforcement patrol. Closed areas and routes are clearly marked as such with carsonite markers. Brown markers indicate open routes and include route info (route number, permitted vehicles). Red markers indicate closed areas and routes. Fencing is erected to prevent OHV intrusion into federally-listed plant populations (*Camissonia benitensis*). Additionally, fencing is used to prevent OHV intrusion where compliance with marked closures has historically been poor. The entrances of closed routes are closed by wing fences and vertically mulched to obscure the entrance to the route. *Camissonia benitensis* exclosures are monitored bi-monthly. Incidents of intrusion into the exclosures are documented and measures are taken to ensure that such intrusion does not occur in the future. Other fences are monitored monthly and repairs are made to breaks as found. Daily law enforcement patrols enforce OHV compliance and reduce incidents of OHV intrusion.

Please see January 2006 Record of Decision, Appendix C; and San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area Pilot Restoration EA in its entirety - Baseline Documents from Project #'s OR-1-H-21, OR-1-H-20 and OR-1-H-27

Also, please see Appendix F in its entirety for a list of FY2007 protective measures and monitoring results.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)

a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).

	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)		
X	No (answer item b below)		
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0
Concur.			

b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.

Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)

X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)		
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)		
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)		
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5
Concur.			

c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)

X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)		
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)		
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5
Concur.			

<p>6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.</p>
<p>Information kiosks are distributed throughout the CCMA. The information kiosks contain rider safety information, information regarding naturally occurring asbestos in soils at the CCMA and the health risks associated with exposure to it, dry season closure (June 1 - October 15) information, and the new CCMA open route map. Additionally, BLM staff are present at the CCMA entrance station (R1) on weekends (peak use days) and distribute information both verbally and via brochures to the public. Open route maps are available for purchase at the Hollister Field Office and the CCMA entrance station when manned. Meetings are also scheduled with various user groups to inform them of upcoming projects for CCMA.</p> <p>Please see Appendix A for an example of the Public Map, Appendix C for the Brochure, Appendix D for a table of field contact data and Appendix H for a copy of the Monthly Newsletter.</p>

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
X	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
X	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
X	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
X	Billboards	X	Other (specify): <u>Monthly Bulletin/Newsletter</u>	
X	CDs		Television	
X	Community meetings		Parades	
X	OHV Dealers		Radio	
X	Fairs		School Programs	
X	News Releases	X	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

7. Natural and Cultural Resources	
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.	
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>Camissonia benitensis is a special status species within the CCMA and can be adversely impacted by OHV impacts. All known populations of Camissonia and large portions of its potential habitat are surrounded by enclosure fences to prevent OHV intrusion into sites and potential habitat. Camissonia enclosure fences are monitored bimonthly and any incidents of OHV intrusion are documented. Broken enclosure fences are repaired promptly. Annual plant counts are made for Camissonia populations to ensure that the species is maintaining healthy populations.</p> <p>Please see January 2006 Record of Decision (specifically Appendix D - Best Management Practices); San Benito Mountain Research Natural Area Pilot Restoration EA in its entirety - Baseline Documents from Project #'s OR-1-H-27, OR-1-H-20.</p> <p>Please see Appendix F for a complete report of monitoring and management actions (Annual report to US Fish and Wildlife Service) for Fiscal Year 2007 at CCMA.</p>				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
Hollister BLM conducts sound testing via trained staff and members of the Blue Ribbon Coalition before OHV events at CCMA. Amnesty checks are also offered by the dedicated CCMA OHV Law Enforcement Officer at various times throughout the year for riders to make sure they are in compliance.				
Stipulations for sound testing are included within all Event Environmental Assessments/Event Permits and are available upon request from BLM Hollister Field Office.				
<i>Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</i>				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available <i>(Check only one if applicable)</i>			
X	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	BLM Palm Springs South Coast Field Office	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>375.33</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	5	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

Due to extensive size of the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office, coastal to desert climates offer year-round (12-month) Off-Highway Vehicle opportunity. Whether enjoying a 4x4 drive along the Otay Truck Trail in the San Diego area or a weekend riding quads and camping out in the Eastern Riverside County desert.

The field office manages ample long-distance loops and destination/touring opportunities. Many of the old desert routes developed during the 1940s for the military or as mining roads have since been adopted into our designated routes of travel inventory. Because of the original use of these routes, they are relatively easy to travel and provide a fun adventure for families of all age groups.

The field office designated trail system provides riding opportunity for ATV, UTV, Dirt Bike, and 4x4 Truck/Jeep units. Our system of designated routes of travel offer mostly beginner and intermediate skill levels. A few technically difficult jeep routes are also provided.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)**a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)**

X	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for all Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-1-CD-304	12/03/2004	02/28/2006	\$80,000	N		100
OR-1-CD-284	10/01/2003	06/30/2005	\$75,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$2,100,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					30	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
X	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
X	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
X	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

Serious urban interface issues arise, especially when lands under special management are so close to urban centers, Boarder Mountains-San Diego, Beauty Mountain-Temecula, Oak Mountain-Temecula, Canyon Lakes-Weserthn Riverside, Big Morongo Canyon Preserve-San Bernardino, Windy Point-Palm Springs, and the Riverside Mountains-Colorado River Corridor are lands with OHV issues and located near urban centers or popular recreation sites. The field office consists entirely of trail systems, with no open areas within the region. Officers patrol numerous routes on a daily basis reporting envirnmental needs to the field office. The majority of areas are signed with Kiosk panels or 4x4 steel posts, which act as street signs. Carsonite stakes mark secondary trails and access points. Carsonites are vital to route signing because they are inexpensive, durable and flex when fallen against or driven over. Monitoring patrols often replace and/or reprot damage of signs to the recreation and resource departments.

LE contacts range from interpretive educational to enforcement when warnings, citations, etc., take place. Offices maintain an information booth within Blythe Chamber of Commerce where Public Lands and OHV handouts and brochures are available to out of state visitors. Additionallly, rangers make presentations to elementary, high school and college classes to educate students on the value of public lands, and ways in which they can become good stewards to the land. Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly materials are used.

BLM officers also patrol jointly managed lands such as the Coachella Valley and Dos Palmas Preserve, which are clearly fenced and signed on boundaries. Repeated damage to fences, allow OHV teams to study and defend a site during often-ususual times on weekends and evenings. Special teams of rangers, law enforcement partners and non-LE staff identify areas of unauthorized traffic, support or contact OHV users. As appropriate, rangers contact OHV users to provide information or to address specific violations of OHV rules and regulations.

BLM officers work with other law enforcement agencies through such groups as the Riverside County Sheriffs, Riverside Off-highway Vehicle Enforcement (ROVE) team, and the CVAG OHV task Force. Rangers enforce federal regulations on public lands to protect natural and cultural resources, while educating users about legal riding locations and permissions needed to utilize private lands. BLM also exercises state authority on non-federal lands to assist local and county agencies. It is through this interaction that BIM is able to share information regarding resource laws and areas considered sensitive in nature with other agencies. BLM also learns from other agencies state laws, which help to benefit the protection of federal lands. This provides all agencies a better understanding of over-all activity in a region, and in turn provides greater coverage and an enhanced ability to contact OHV users.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
X	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

Education and outreach is an evolving program within the Palm Springs-South Coast Field Office. Each day brings further developments in interpretation, publications and outreach. The largest level of outdoor redreational outreach occurs during the Thanksgiving holiday when over 1600 vistors are contacted and presented with handouts, maps and brochures. BLM staff on duty consist of fire, OHV support/recreation and law enforcement.

The Meccacopia Special Recreation Management Area website was created to inform the visitors of on-going plans and developments within the area. "The Mecca Hills Wilderness: Unique geology-Home of a unique plant" poster was developed and posted in areas of high OHV visitiation to introduce the public to the Mecca Aster, a flower which blooms during the high visitor use season. This information was largely accepted by the visitors and more interpretive information has been requested.

Law Enforcement staff supplies the Blythe Chamber of Commerce with handouts regarding public lands. Law Enforcement and General Staff attend teacher resource days and career days often speaking on Off-Highway Vehicle Use.

The Off-Highway Vehicle Coordinator and Law Enforcement Personnel attend public meetings and OHV club meetings handling out Tread Lightly information and speaking about vehicle codes. Through a Partnership with local city governments (CVAG) law enforcement officers and support personnel will be presenting a Safety Class for the public held bi-annually, with one class section held on BLM lands and the other a local OHV dealership.

Each Thanksgiving a new brochure was produced for the users of Eastern Riverside County. The following are the most recent:

Fire Ecology and Invasive Plants

Mecca Aster: An Endemic Plant of the Mecca & Indio Hills

Guide to Public Use: Meccacopia Special Recreation Management Area

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
X	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
X	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
X	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
X	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards	X	Other (specify): <u>visitor contact in field</u>	
	CDs		Television	
X	Community meetings	X	Parades	
X	OHV Dealers		Radio	
X	Fairs	X	School Programs	
X	News Releases	X	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
X	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			
<p>This project would take place in desert scrub, desert wash and desert pavement communities. OHV activity off authorized routes of travel is destroying and fragmenting habitat for the BLM sensitive Mojave fringed-toed lizard and the federally threatened desert tortoise. Illegal OHV activity results in an unknown number of direct takes of individuals of these protected species. Other special status species affected may include the Alverson's foxtail cactus, desert bighorn sheep, mountain lion, LeConte's thrasher, Crissal Thrasher, and several sensitive bat species. It also destroys the vegetation, which provides food water and shelter to these species in this harsh environment. Closing these unauthorized routes will protect and improve critical habitat for these species.</p>				

No (answer items b and c)				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	0	The narrative contradicts the box checked.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
Yes (5 points)				
No (no score)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>The Bureau of Land Management Best Management Practices utilized in the Palm Springs South Coast Field Office is a set of ethics implemented by staff, contractors and permitted users. These ethics were derived through consultation with the California Department of Fish and Game to minimize potential adverse effects to both Federal and State listed species of concern. This list consists of sixteen ethics pertaining to all species in general, nine focused strictly at the desert tortoise and one special area ethic. This list will be attached to grant application.</p>				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
<p>The BLM Palm Spring-South Coast Field Office has three officers designated to sound testing. The extensive range of the field office presents limitation of having sound equipment available in all areas, therefore the use of sound equipment is a voluntary service to the public and will be provide on an appointment basis.</p> <p>Eventually volunteers will be available to conduct testing within the Eastern Riverside County area during busy holiday weekends.</p>				

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
x	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b.	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	BLM Redding Field Office	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>445.47</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	5	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

The planning guidance for the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area, set forth in the Interlakes Special Recreation Management Area Plan, states that the BLM will manage this extensive use area to enhance challenging driving and riding opportunities, improve classic trail riding routes, provide specialty sites, areas and courses, and highlight natural and constructed attractions. The BLM-Redding Field Office has accomplished this directive by managing the Chappie-Shasta OHV area to provide a variety of motorized recreation opportunities at all skill levels throughout the entire calendar year. Types of OHV opportunity include motorcycle, ATV, and 4x4 vehicles of all shapes and sizes. The range of difficulty runs from easy two-lane roads to rugged, expert only single track, with abundant opportunities for all skill levels: beginner, intermediate, and advanced. High quality maps and brochures detailing the type of trail, trail number, and difficulty level are available for the public at all staging areas and the BLM office. The OHV area is well signed, with all trail markers indicating trail number, difficulty rating, and type of use intended for the trail. Elevations in the OHV area range from 1000 to 5000 feet with a wide variety of topography, soil, and vegetation types. These factors, along with a mild climate, allow for year round motorized recreation opportunity.

References:

Title: Interlakes Special Recreation Management Area Plan

Date: October 1997

Pgs: 2-50, 2-51

Location: BLM Redding Field Office355

Hemsted Drive

Redding CA 96002

Title: Chappie-Shasta Off-Highway Vehicle Guide (BLM/CA/GI-2005/001-8340)

Date: March 2005

Location: BLM Redding Field Office355

Hemsted Drive

Redding CA 96002

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for all Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
9869866	07/17/1975	07/18/1975	\$333	N		74
OR-1-NO-30	10/01/2002	06/30/2006	\$149,000	Y	Funds were not recieved by the BLM until 03/03/2003. More time was needed to complete complex land acquisition processes.	100
OR-1-NO-43	11/01/2004	01/31/06	\$75,000	N		100
OR-11-N-22	10/01/2001	06/30/2005	\$175,000	Y	Additional time needed to complete design and print of new Chappie-Shasta OHV user map/guide.	100
OR-1-NO-28	10/01/2002	01/30/2005	\$166,000	Y	An extension was required to expend remaining funds needed to complete stated deliverables.	100
OR-1-NO-29	10/01/2002	03/31/2005	\$100,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$395,248	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					67	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

The Interlakes Special Recreation Management Area Plan directs the BLM to increase agency presence in the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area around the staging areas/trailheads to reduce user conflict, guard against illegal activities, and improve visitor safety. As one component in of accomplishing this objective, the BLM-Redding Field Office uses an aggressive approach to prevent intrusions into sensitive or closed areas and private property within or surrounding the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area. Several gates, barricades, and signs effectively prevent intrusions onto nearby non-motorized trails as well as into areas that have been closed for rehabilitation. In addition to the physical structures in place to prevent intrusions, up to date maps and closure information is posted at all staging areas and on several informational kiosks along access roads. The Chappie-Shasta OHV map/guide clearly illustrates the separation of public and private land ownerships, gates and closed areas and gives clear warnings against trespass and intrusion onto private lands and closed areas. All private/public land borders are signed appropriately, with barriers in place where warranted.

A multidisciplinary approach is used to monitor the area for illegal intrusions. OHV Rangers, maintenance workers, law enforcement officers, biologists, and recreation planners all frequently patrol the areas where intrusions have or are likely to occur and report any violations to the OHV Coordinator. Patrols are conducted several times per week throughout the year, and up to seven days a week during peak use seasons. All issues are dealt with in an efficient and timely manner to prevent any undue degradation within or surrounding the OHV area.

References:

Title: Interlakes Special Recreation Management Area Plan

Date: October 1997

Pgs: 2-51, 2-52,2-53

Location: BLM Redding Field Office355
Hemsted Drive
Redding CA 96002

Title: Chappie-Shasta Off-Highway Vehicle Guide (BLM/CA/GI-2005/001-8340)

Date: March 2005

Location: BLM Redding Field Office355
Hemsted Drive
Redding CA 96002

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
X	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	10	Division Findings	10	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.				
<p>The BLM-Redding Field Office incorporates a multifaceted education and outreach program into the overall management of the Chappie-Shasta OHV Area. A detailed map and brochure outlining safe and responsible OHV recreational practices is available at all staging areas. Several informational kiosks are located at staging areas and along access roads, which provide up to date information on rules, regulations, closures, trail riding etiquette, Tread Lightly! principles, and responsible recreational uses of the area. A web page including all of the above mentioned information is referenced on all brochures, and is available through the BLM home page. In addition, and most importantly, OHV Rangers patrol the area consistently to inform and educate the recreating public, provide visitor assistance, maps, brochures, trail conditions and closure information, and give educational talks about the proper, safe, and responsible OHV practices for the area.</p> <p>Reference: Title: Chappie-Shasta Off-Highway Vehicle Guide (BLM/CA/GI-2005/001-8340) Date: March 2005 Location: BLM Redding Field Office355 Hemsted Drive Redding CA 96002</p>				

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Billboards		Other (specify):	
	CDs		Television	
	Community meetings		Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers		Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs		School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>Implement a sediment and erosion control plan during any trail construction or maintenance projects. Monitor sediment/erosion control measures after precipitation events. Clean, repair, and replace structures as necessary. Re-vegetate all disturbed areas as soon as possible after construction or maintenance projects using only native plants to reduce soil erosion. Continue biological monitoring that measures changes in populations and available habitat. Continue biological monitoring that evaluates the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species, and make recommendations for improvement in species management.</p> <p>Reference: Title: Herpetofauna Surveys of the BLM Redding District II. Chappie-Shasta OHV Area Date: August 2007 Location: BLM Redding Field Office355 Hemsted Drive Redding CA 96002</p>				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
With the help of law enforcement rangers, sound level testing is carried out at all OHV events in the Chappie-Shasta OHV area. Voluntary sound level testing is available to the recreating public occasionally on holidays and weekends. Sound testing is carried out in accordance with the most recent laws, regulations, and information available, with up to date and recently calibrated sound testing instruments.				
Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
X	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	BLM Ridgecrest Field Office	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>6.55</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	2	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

A. Beginning, Intermediate, and Advanced trails can be found within the nearly four thousand miles of designated trails and over seventy thousand acres of designated open area that the Ridgecrest Field Office manages.

Refer to the following books for examples of rated trails that are available within the area managed by the Ridgecrest Field Office:

Massey, Peter and Wilson, Jeanne, *Backcountry Adventures: Southern California*. Swagman Publishing, 2006 (pages 187-198, 207-224, 534-541, 570-578, 598-617).

Mitchell, Roger and Mitchell, Loris, *Southern California SUV Trails: Volume 1, The Western Mojave Desert*. Track & Trail Publications, 2004 (pages 15-131, 161-169).

B. OHV and general recreational opportunities are available year round within the Ridgecrest Resource Area. At no time during the year is the weather so severe that OHV recreation can not be enjoyed. The most popular time of the year is from October through May, while during the warmer summer months people usually recreate in the morning or later in the day during evening hours.

Lewellyn, Harry. *California Off Highway Vehicle Guidebook*, California Department of Parks and Recreation, Off Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division, 1991 (pages 83-85, 89-91, 97-100, 103-104).

C. People can and do enjoy legal OHV opportunities operating nearly every type of vehicle on the public lands within our management area. The most popular types of vehicles that people operate are motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATV), utility all-terrain vehicles (UTV), four wheel drives vehicles (4X4), and two wheel drive vehicles (2WD).

An extremely popular and well made map that shows the diversity of recreational opportunities in the Ridgecrest area is produced by the Friends of Jawbone. This map includes most of the trails on public lands south of Ridgecrest and recommends the type of vehicle that is capable of traveling on the route. These maps are sold at the Jawbone Station and other retailer outlets in the region.

For more information on the recreational opportunities within the California Desert and on the public lands within the Ridgecrest Resource Area refer to the following management plans:

West Mojave Desert Off Road Vehicle Designation Project, Affected Environment: 3.5 Recreation, 2003. (pages 45-61).

California Desert Conservation Area Plan, Recreation Element and Motorized-Vehicle Access, 1980. (pages 69-74, 75-83).

Refer to the Project Specific Photographs included in the BLM: Ridgecrest Law Enforcement Grant for examples of these various recreational opportunities

All of these documents including the management plans, books, and Friends of Jawbone map are on file at the Ridgecrest office.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE						
Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for <u>all</u> Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.						
Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-1-CD-308	12/03/2004	04/30/2007	\$400,000	Y	Complete Outside Contracted Services and Staff needed to deal with Natural Disaster (Flash floods)	100
OR-1-CD-308	12/03/2004	04/30/2007	\$400,000	Y	Allow Outside Contracted Services to be Completed and Staff diverted to deal with Natural Disasters (Flash floods)	100
OR-1-CD-308	12/03/2004	04/30/2007	\$400,000	Y	Allow Outside Contracted Services to be Completed and Staff diverted to deal with Natural Disasters (Flash floods)	100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$1,794,003	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					39	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

We use several approaches to prevent intrusions into sensitive habitats, closed areas, designated wilderness areas, and onto private lands. The first approach we like to use to protect sensitive resources and areas off limit to vehicular traffic is through outreach and educational efforts and simple signing. Some examples of these techniques that we use include press releases, recreation area guides, and on-site field contacts inform visitors about the desert tortoise and the areas use regulations. Through these approaches our goal is to get voluntary compliance with the regulations and to use the most cost efficient approach first.

The second approach that we use is to install physical barriers and fences to protect the area of concern. These techniques are often applied in various increments and intensities depending on the level of compliance with the area designation and the sensitivity of the resources. Often we will start with increased signing and small barriers to protect an area or close an incursion into an area. If these approaches do not work we will increase our efforts to include longer fences and potentially completely enclosing an area behind a fence. Along with these approaches we will often conduct restoration efforts as determined appropriate for the location and situation.

Finally if all of these techniques area not effective in obtaining voluntary compliance we will use focused law enforcement efforts. We have used these targeted enforcement efforts in areas such as the Kiavah Wilderness to prevent incursions, Jawbone ACEC to obtain compliance with the designated routes, and in the Rand Mountains to enforce an area closure.

To monitor the effectiveness of our approaches and ensure compliance staff members are in the field at least five times a week patrolling and monitoring various areas for compliance with area rules and regulations. These patrols are carried out by Law Enforcement Rangers, Park Rangers, Maintenance staff and Resource staff members. The patrols are carried out using several various modes of transportation including hiking on foot, riding motorcycles or ATVs, and in four wheel drives.

The following Environmental Assessments have been prepared to allow us to use several of these various task to accomplish preventative and protective actions on areas with sensitive resources.

Ridgecrest Resource Area Wide Maintenance & Surface Restoration Environmental Assessment NEPA 96-70: (Proposed Action pages 3-4).

Wilderness Restoration Programmatic Environmental Assessment - EA CA065-99-73: (Restoration Activities pages 2-4).

Jawbone - Butterbreedt ACEC Closed Trail Restoration Environmental Assessment - NEPA CA-650-2004-19: (Restoration Activities pages 4-7).

Rand Mountains/Fremont Valley Closed Trail Restoration Environmental Assessment - NEPA CA-650-2004-2: (Restoration Activities pages5-7)

Refer to the Project Specific Photographs included in the BLM: Ridgecrest Facilities Operation & Maintenance Grant for examples of these various approaches to prevent OHV intrusions.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

The Ridgecrest Field Office has an extensive outreach and education program to educate the OHV enthusiast and public land user about the recreational opportunities and use regulations within our jurisdiction.

A large effort that we have under taken to educate the public is the production of fifty-six Recreation Opportunity Guides (ROGs) that are divided up into the categories of General Information, Popular Sites, and Wilderness Areas. Some examples of the topics and sites these ROGs cover include Leave No Trace principles, Riding You OHV on Public Lands, Dove Springs OHV Area, Exploring the Panamint Valley, El Paso Wilderness, and Golden Valley Wilderness. Copies of these ROGs are available and distributed at both the Jawbone Station and the Ridgecrest Field Office. Additionally, we have provided binders with master copies and carousel distribution racks to the local airport and several area hotels.

Another effort that we use to educate the public about responsible OHV recreation is through our numerous information kiosks that are located in the field at major entry portals into management areas, staging areas, or trail heads. Our standard posting on these boards include area maps and use regulations along with frequently including a brochure box from which people can obtain an area recreation guide and trail map.

In addition to these static displays and flyers we conduct interactive programs with the public to educate them on safe and responsible recreational practices. One of our largest efforts is through the operations of the Jawbone Station. This visitor center is open 365 days a year and all visitors are greeted and interacted with on a one on one basis. Additionally, the Ridgecrest office is a partner in the Sand Canyon Education Program that all local area fourth graders attend to learn about the regional flora, fauna, history, along with Leave No Trace and Tread Lightly principles.

A final way that we attempt to reach and educate the public about responsible use of their public lands is through our web page. On this web page one can find information about a multitude of places to go to for many different forms of recreational opportunities along with how to be a responsible recreational visitor to the region.

Our web site can be found on the world wide web at <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/ridgecrest.html>.

Refer to the Project Specific Photographs included in the BLM: Ridgecrest Law Enforcement and Facilities Operation & Maintenance Grants for examples of these outreach and education efforts.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): Brochure Racks at area hotels and airpo	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
<input type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

We have developed many Best Management Practices that are designed to enhance and protect species of concern from impacts of both recreational use as well as maintenance efforts within their critical habitats.

The following is a list of some of the measures we have developed to avoid impacting species of concern:

Open Routes: No motorized vehicles are allowed to travel off routes, except in emergency situations or with the explicit permission of the BLM.¹

Washes: Motorized vehicle travel in washes is allowed only in those washes that are designated as "open routes" and signed appropriately.¹

Stopping, Parking and Camping: Within a Desert Wildlife Management Area (DWMA), motorized-vehicle -based camping is allowed in previously existing disturbed camping areas adjacent to motorized vehicle routes designated "open" and motorized vehicle and stopping and parking would be allowed within 50 feet of the centerline of the designated route.¹

Operators of heavy equipment shall be accompanied by an on-site monitor when working in desert tortoise habitat during the tortoise active period.²

Operators of light equipment used for trail maintenance, and project leaders for surface reclamation actions, shall watch for desert tortoises during all project activities.²

The equipment operator should watch for tortoises on the road whenever driving, transporting or operating equipment. Driving speeds should not exceed 30mph, and operating speeds should not exceed 5mph, to allow adequate visibility.²

The operator shall inspect underneath any parked equipment or vehicle immediately prior to moving it while in desert tortoise habitat.²

All trash and food items generated by project activities shall be promptly contained and regularly removed from the project site to reduce the attractiveness of the area to the common ravens and other desert tortoise predators.²

1 West Mojave Plan: A Habitat Conservation Plan and California Desert Conservation Area Plan Amendment, Vol. 1A, 2005 (Chapter 2, page 2-156).

2 Ridgecrest Resource Area-Wide Maintenance & Surface Restoration Environmental Assessment NEPA96-70, 1997 (pages12-14).

These documents are on file at both the Ridgecrest Field Office and with the CA Department of Parks and Recreation, OHMVR Division.

(Check all that apply.)				
	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	1	The narrative describes efforts to control adverse impacts on species.

<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p>
<p>Sound level testing is conducted by Ridgecrest staff in an effort to decrease this potential impact on other public land users. Testing is and can be performed by many trained staff members including Law Enforcement Rangers as well as several of the Recreation Branch employees. Along with field enforcement efforts by delegated Rangers we have conducted courtesy sound checks at the Jawbone Station, in association with the DIRT Team of California City, and on a call in basis at the Ridgecrest Field Office. Also, annually our Law Enforcement Rangers assist the Viewfinders Motorcycle Club with sound testing at their annual Grand Prix held in the city of Ridgecrest. Additionally, sound testing is performed on participants in all American Motorcycle Association sanctioned races held in the Spangler Hills Open Area.</p> <p>Copies of Sound Training Certificates are on file at the Ridgecrest Field Office.</p>

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
X	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	Porterville, City of	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>323.14</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	5	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity				
In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.				
<p>The Porterville OHV Park currently has two tracks available for use. The main track is approximately 1 mile long and accommodates both motorcycles and ATVs at the novice skill level. Additionally, a much smaller track is available for "Pee Wee" riders, again at a novice level, to allow young riders the opportunity to gain familiarity with their equipment and increase their riding confidence. The OHV Park is open weekends and select weekday evenings year-round, except in inclement weather.</p>				

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
X	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
X	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE						
Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for <u>all</u> Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.						
Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-731	01/23/06	07/23/07	\$49,050	N		100
OR-705	01/01/04	12/31/05	\$62,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$109,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					0	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
<p>5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.</p> <p>The perimeter of the Porterville OHV Park is fully enclosed with seven-foot chain-link fencing. Entrance gates are locked at all times the facility is not in use. Department staff performs visual inspections of the facility on non-use days to monitor and prevent unauthorized access to the facility.</p>				

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
X	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	10	Division Findings	10	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.				
<p>The attached Off-Highway Vehicle Park schedule of events and Rules and Regulations flyer is distributed to each rider and spectator entering the park, as well as local OHV dealers and Fair attendees. The flyer specifies all safety rules including the use of Personal Protective Equipment, spark arresters, and age-appropriate equipment guidelines. In addition, safety information and rider etiquette signage is posted at several sites within the Park. Similar information is provided on the OHV page of the City's web site, as shown in the attached printout of the applicable web page.</p>				

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			
Porterville OHV Park is completely fenced, with minimal native vegetation and no known Special-Status Species habitat within the park. The attached memo from the City's Community Development and Planning Department has confirmed this information.				

No (answer items b and c)				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
Yes (5 points)				
No (no score)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>The Porterville OHV track was designed to reduce and/or eliminate environmental impacts while providing a safe OHV riding opportunity to enthusiasts throughout California. As noted previously, the bowl design of the track itself was selected to reduce noise-related concerns for both neighboring facilities as well as various native species in the area. Periodic surveys of the park and surrounding areas confirm that no special-status species are located in immediate proximity to the OHV park. The OHV park is fully fenced to contain all motorized vehicle activities. Dirt areas of the park are continually watered-down to reduce dust migration and vegetation is planted where appropriate to further control dust and erosion. A comprehensive routine maintenance program is implemented by full-time OHV staff to ensure the Park continues to encourage environmentally responsible Off-Highway Vehicle recreation. The topography of the site is lower in elevation than adjoining lands to return all runoff and ensure that no environmental damage occurs to watercourses.</p>				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
Sound level testing has been conducted periodically. Additionally, the facility was initially designed with raised berms intended to control sound levels at the Park. The City has received no sound related complaints relative to the OHV Park during the prior year. The remoteness of the facility from sensitive sound receptors, and its proximity to active agricultural activities with similar ATV equipment use minimizes the potential impact from sound generation.				
<i>Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</i>				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (<i>Check only one if applicable</i>)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
X	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b.	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>11.82</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	2	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

As noted and shown with text and maps in the park brochure and on the Departmental website:

Metcalfe Motorcycle County Park provides OHV opportunities for all skill levels of riders from beginning riders to those who prefer black diamond difficulty trails. Areas for novice riders, under 50cc motorbikes, as well as challenging motocross, grand prix and single-track hillside trails provide a variety of skill levels at the park. 63% of the park trails are also geared to the average skill level rider as well.

The park is open to riders twelve months of the year, 5 days a week from 8 AM to sunset. Thus, riding hours vary depending on the number of hours of daylight during the season. Sometimes specially permitted riding events are held at the park on the weekdays the park is normally closed, thus expanding OHV opportunities.

The Park provides OHV opportunities for ATV's dirt bikes, and 4x4's for training purposes.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-698	11/01/2004	01/31/2006	\$189,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$397,109	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					0	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.	

b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)				
	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)				
	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)				
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.	

c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)				
	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)				
	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)				
	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)				
	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.	

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

As can be seen in photographs, maps of the park, and the Motorcycle Park Interim Natural Resource Management Plan, all on file at the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department Administration Offices, the Department program prevents intrusions into sensitive or closed areas by erecting signage and physical barriers to prevent user access to these sites. Trail routing recommended in the Interim Natural Resource Management Plan has rerouted trails from sensitive areas. The entire park is fenced to prevent any intrusion onto private properties. There are no designated wilderness areas nearby the park site that would permit users to intrude on them.

As noted in our Law Enforcement project, the park is patrolled whenever the park is open, or a minimum of 5 days per week via foot, motorcycle, 4X4, or ATV.

Other measures used to reduce visitor intrusion into sensitive, closed, or private property areas include advising riders about riding constraints and sensitive habitats when they check into the park. Through education and interpretation efforts (such as the Jr. OHV Ranger Program), riders understand their responsibility to stay only on marked trails while riding. Park Staff have generated care and concern for the riding environment amongst our users to a point where peer pressure to obey all regulations is standard. The staff has also established a Trail Watch program with volunteers. The Trail Watch volunteers help by reporting any violations. Additionally, the Department strictly enforces any OHV code violations for riding off designated trails, and posts OHV regulations and trail use signs.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)

a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).

☒ Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)

☐ No (answer item b below)

Applicant Score	10	Division Findings	10	Concur.
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b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.

Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)

☐ Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)

☐ Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)

☐ Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)

Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
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c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)

☐ Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)

☐ Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)

Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
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6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

As can be seen in photographs of the park on file at the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Offices, and on the departmental website, our agency provides maps and brochures that describe safe and responsible OHV recreational practices, as well as information concerning safe and responsible OHV recreation to park users at the visitors center when they enter the park. This information is also posted at trailhead entry signs. The park rules and regulations are clearly posted on the exterior and interior of the visitors center and can be seen in photos on file at the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Offices and on the departmental website. Motorcycle Park publishes a newsletter on a regular basis, distributed to an e-mail list of approximately 250 riders. The newsletter is also available through a link on the Department's website.

As evidenced by photos noted on our Departmental website, the Department conducts a six-week long Jr. Ranger OHV program twice each year to teach young OHV riders safe riding techniques and rider etiquette through educational presentations and hands-on instruction with students riding their OHV's. The program also includes training about motorcycle safety. Education and awareness of natural systems and how riders impact the natural environment is a major component of the program. The intent is to foster an appreciation for the natural environment in the next generation of OHV enthusiasts.

The Department has staffed outreach booths at event days at local OHV shops. It has participated in these events in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC) and Leo Venice Exhausts. The Department has an outreach and educational booth at the San Francisco Supercross event every year. At these booths the Department educates the public by providing information on sound regulations, motorcycle registration, spark arrestor requirements, and impacts to natural resources. The Motorcycle Park staff often attend meetings of local motorcycle clubs such as the "Timekeepers" and "Ghostriders" to answer questions about the park and present information on safe and responsible OHV riding.

Motorcycle Park visitors center maintains an interpretive display about the plants, animals and habitats that exist at the Park. The purpose of the display is to educate riders and visitors and increase their sensitivity to the natural environment that exists at the Park. Interpretive talks are given at the visitors center display as well as on-site within the Park. Photos of the interpretive display are on file at the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department Administrative Offices.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): <u>Newsletter, E-mail correspondence</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CDs		Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings		Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers		Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs		School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			
Plants with special status that might occur include Ferris Ceanothus (<i>Ceanothus ferrisii</i>), Mount Hamilton Thistle (<i>Cirsium fontinale</i>), Santa Clara Valley Dudleya (<i>Dudleya setchelli</i>), Metcalf Canyon Jewelflower (<i>Streptanthus albidus</i>), and the Most Beautiful Jewelflower (<i>Streptanthus albidus</i> var. <i>peramoenus</i>). Listed fauna that could be present include the Bay Checkerspot Butterfly (<i>Occidryas editha</i>) and the Opler's Longhorn Moth (<i>Adela oplerella</i>). (Reference: Motorcycle Park Interim Natural Resource Plan, November 6, 2006, available at the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Administration Offices).				

No (answer items b and c)				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
Yes (5 points)				
No (no score)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>The Department employs several best management practices to protect and enhance the viability of species in the areas of OHV recreational activity. The Department has prepared an Interim Natural Resource Management (NRM) Plan for the park, which is on file at the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department Administration Offices. Implementation of the Interim NRM Plan has accomplished an initial and ongoing survey and inventory of the site for sensitive species and their habitat areas. We are assisted by the California Native Plant Society in this process. Our Natural Resource Management staff monitors biologic changes and recommends actions to avoid impacts to species. The plan also recommends best management practices in areas such as: trail maintenance, trail routing, vegetation management, integrated pest management, and fencing.</p> <p>Park staff attends natural resource management training on a yearly basis from our departmental Natural Resources Management staff. They are educated about the Motorcycle Park Interim NRM Plan best management practices and are updated on any changes to conditions or populations. Approaches for responding to changing conditions that affect species survival or reproduction are communicated to staff.</p>				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
<p>The staff at Motorcycle Park have received the state accredited training in 2005 for enforcement of sound regulations. This fact is on file in Departmental training records available at the Santa Clara County Parks and Recreation Department Administration Office. The park acquired a Quest Technologies 1100 Precision Sound Level Meter in 2002 to test sound compliance. The sound meter is calibrated yearly. Park Rangers conduct sound level testing on a daily basis and document completion of this activity in their daily patrol logs kept by staff at the Park. Additionally, if a park ranger hears an OHV being operated within the Park that sounds as though it may exceed regulations, they will require the operator to submit the vehicle to sound testing. Any OHV found out of compliance with state sound regulations are issued a warning or citation. Lists of warning and citations issued are on file at the Park.</p> <p>Being proactive, the park rangers at Motorcycle Park hand out New California OHV Regulation Sound Cards during their field contacts to familiarize OHV enthusiasts with the state regulations. The Department has staffed outreach booths at event days at local OHV shops. It has participated in these events to promote sound compliance in conjunction with the Blue Ribbon Coalition (BRC) and Leo Venice Exhausts.</p>				
Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
X	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	Stanislaus County	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>15.39</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The top fifth receives (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The second fifth receives (4 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The third fifth receives (3 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The fourth fifth receives (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The last fifth receives (1 point)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	2	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
X	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
X	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
X	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	6	Division Findings	6	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

Stanislaus County is set aside from most other Counties within the State of California due to the fact that the County owns and operates not one, but two Off-Highway Vehicle Parks totaling 2,000 acres of available and dedicated land for all types of Off-Road Adventures for County residents and visitors alike. Our OHV visitors consist of Stanislaus County and we routinely have visitors from the Bay Area, Sacramento, Fresno, and the Sierra Foothills. Both parks, La Grange and Frank Raines are open to all registered and CVC compliant vehicles such as: 4WD, ATV's Sand-Rails, Motorcycles, and Buggies to name a few.

Frank Raines Regional OHV Park is located on Del Puerto Canyon approximately 18 miles west of the City of Patterson. There is approximately 800 acres in the lower OHV Park that encompasses the park entrance station, a full hookup campground, recreation hall, restrooms/showers, and a group picnic shelter. There is an additional 482 acres in the upper area that is currently undergoing studies to access what needs to be done to open the area to OHV recreation. The area is primarily a rough terrain with plenty of mountains and opportunities to prove your advanced skills in riding. The types of vehicles used at the park are trucks, motorcycles, 4-wheel drive vehicles and dune buggies. The park is open in October through April and closed by the fire Battalion Chief, May through September. The skill levels at this park range from beginners to expert. The beginners can enjoy these trails: Fire Road, West Loop, Lower Wally's loop, and the Portuguese Gate Trail. Our advanced riders are going to have the most fun of all. They have a wide range of trails including but not limited to The Rock, Mattshill Trail, Spider Hill, West Gate Trail, Oak Flat Trail, and Mikey's Hill. The Expert Trails consist of Truck Hill and the Upper Wally's Loop.

La Grange Regional OHV Park - This park is located at 2315 South Old La Grange Road, La Grange California (approximately 18 miles east of Waterford, 30 miles northeast of Merced, and 30 miles southwest of Jamestown on Route J59.) This park offers undeveloped camping, a parking lot and approximately 150 acres of land open to recreational riding. Visitors who visit the park will meet challenges like soft sandy soil, water hazards, and hill climbs. The types of vehicles used at this location are dune buggies, motorcycles and ATV's and miscellaneous 4 wheel drives. The trails are rated for beginners with stock OHV's to intermediate riders, as well as a motocross style course and dedicated under 90cc track to our younger beginners. This park is open year around for off-roading. The user of the park can expect to enjoy groomed trails, groomed competitive tracks, camping, restrooms, benches, shade trees and barbeques.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for all Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR686	11/01/2004	05/31/2006	\$150,000	Y	There was a request for a Change in Scope. The County had hired a consultant to produce a Trail Mgmt Plan but after studying the trails, Land People conceded that because Frank Raines had so many trails to be inventoried and planned, and because there is currently few clear designated trails, the originally conceived Trail Management Plan had to be retitled a Master Development Plan. The plan would focus more on planning and implementation tasks that would create an overall plan for the Park and gradually move it from an "Open Use Area" to a designated trail system. You can reference the Change of Scope letter sent to David Quijada on March 30, 2006. The Consultant requested additional time to shift gears and change direction to complete the Master Development Plan for Frank Raines OHV Park.	100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$231,816	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					65%	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	0	The calculation indicates that 65% of the cost of the applicant's OHV program in the most recent complete fiscal year was OHV Trust Funds.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

Stanislaus County has a special unit called the Sheriff's Department Special Vehicle Operation Unit (Off-Road). The unit (SVOU) currently consists of 4 full time Deputy Sheriff's and is supervised by a Sergeant, and a lieutenant. Beginning in 2006, the Sheriff's Department has been restructuring the Off-Road Vehicle Enforcement Team, including team member selection, OHV training, deployment, and realizing the need for specialty equipment and training for the members to carry out law enforcement with an emphasis on prevention of OHV intrusion.

The property lines between Frank Raines and LaGrange Off-Highway Parks and our contiguous landowners' properties are fenced at the property lines. The Deputy Sheriff's, Park Maintenance personnel, and club members check fence lines routinely. The SVOU Unit, Department of Parks Maintenance Workers and the riding public handle patrols. They are performed at least five days per week.

Frank Raines Area: The first phase of fencing was a total of 5,000 feet for a sum total of approximately \$132,000. It was installed from the Northeast corner post, across the back line of the OHV Park and continues to just west of The Rock Trail. The fence protects our upper closed area from OHV traffic as well as protection for the private property landowners.

The second phase of fencing will be 2,300 feet for a sum total of \$60,450 dollars. This project will replace the fencing that was destroyed in the 2003 fire. The purpose of this fencing will be to close off access to three hills that face the campgrounds. The water storage tanks at the top of one of the hills will be better protected and free from vandals. The restricted use on all three hills will reduce the sediment from traveling down towards the Deer Creek bed. The risk of a landslide will also be greatly reduced.

No trespassing signage had been posted at the sites where Park's personnel is trying to prevent OHV intrusion into sensitive or closed areas. The Parks team pays close attention to private property issues since the completion of the Master Development Plan that was completed in March 2006. There was a great deal of effort on both sides (County and Private Land Owners) to minimize OHV trespassing onto private property. The progress in this area has been substantial.

La Grange: No climb fencing was installed on the property line to prevent people from riding on the property next to the park. No trespassing signs at the park have been effective. There are informational signs through out the park for restoration areas, signs for watching for pedestrians, call box sign, different track name signs, and vehicle road signs.

Staffs at both parks engage in educating the public about the boundaries of the park. Volunteers, acting as public information officers, provide riders with information about boundaries and safety. Maps are handed out at the entrance station to make people aware of the riding areas.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

Stanislaus County Park personnel are responsible for meeting with the public and letting them know the rules of the park, the places where they can ride and the areas that need to be protected. They, along with volunteers and camp hosts, at Frank Raines, are available to answer questions and assist new riders in safety issues and Park rules and regulations.

In addition to our friendly, welcoming staff, Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department has a well-defined Education and Outreach Program. The Departments Motto is "Education and Enforcement". The team contacts violators and initially provides a lecture and release. The main goal is to educate the riders about the California Vehicle Code Off-Highway Vehicle laws while at the same time issuing fewer citations. As time passes, the education attempts will lessen, as enforcement (citations/arrest) with education will increase.

Sheriff Team members have also designed OHV information reference cards, and ATV Safety reference cards. These cards and Tread Lightly pamphlets are handed out to both violators and riders as the Deputies contact them. Deputies also provide heat safety, as temperatures in our parks can reach well above 100 degrees. The pamphlets and cards are kept with the deputies at all times during off-road enforcement. (I can obtain these cards for reference.)

The Sheriff's Department also completes Public OHV Education by attending Safety Fairs in communities and cities within Stanislaus County (City of Riverbank Safety Fair, Cardoso Middle School Safety Fair, Rio Altura Elementary School Safety Fair, Hickman Safety Fair), attending service club events (CORVA, Escabara Buggy Club, AMP Races), and youth programs such as Boy Scouts of America and the Police Activities League (P.A.L.). At these events, team members will take their 4WD vehicles, ATV's, off-road safety gear, and SAR equipment with them for "show and tell" as well as discussing ATV/MC riding safety, trail etiquette, and Tread Lightly program with our youth.

Both the Sheriff's and Park's Department have traveled to both Carnegie (November 2006) and Prairie City (January 2007). The purpose of these trips was to meet with the teams at these locations to observe their procedures and policies. It was a great opportunity to visit their parks and discuss what works and what doesn't work at their parks.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): Brochures	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
<input type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

The long term goal is to minimize the adverse impact to the natural resources while providing a greater length of more varied and interesting trails, so that users have a greater sense of going on a journey, rather than random activity.

Trails need to be designed and designated to some extent to serve different users, such as ATV/motorcycle trails, and full size vehicle roads/trails at both Frank Raines and La Grange.

Consistent with the erosion control standards the County is required to protect any significant habitat or sensitive species. A Biological Evaluation Report was prepared by Biotic Resources Group and Dana Bland, Wildlife Biologist in the Master Development Plan (March 31, 2006). The most significant environmental constraints at Frank Raines OHV are the creek areas. Stanislaus County was able to fence the three hill climbs that face the campgrounds and are nearest Del Puerto Creek. We are still in the planning stages of fencing for no trespassing for additional areas of Del Puerto Creek and Deer Creek. Although we communicate to all riders to stay away from these two areas - the addition of fencing and signage would make a greater impact.

According to the Master Development Plan, a Spring Plant Survey would need to be conducted to definitely evaluate the presence of some rare plants that typically occur in serpentine soil areas. This Preliminary Special-Status Plant Report was delivered in August 2007 by EDAW. When the designated trail plans are drawn up, the areas that have been identified as having special-status plants, will be considered and protected by rerouting existing trails or by closing trails and making new ones available.

In the Master Development Plan (March 31, 2006) the County is planning to upgrade drainage and erosion control structures along existing primary and secondary roads (e.g. service and fire roads). We would apply Best Management Practices (BMP's) to design and improve trails to minimize erosion and maintenance. These may include:

- a. Rolling dips and reverse grades to prevent long runoff distances and concentrated water on existing trails.
- b. Runoff dissipation structures to reduce velocity and concentration at points where drainage is released from roads, trails, cross drainages.
- c. Rock fords or culverts where roads and trails cross drainages.

There is also a consideration to construct sediment basins down-slope from roads, trails, and high use areas to capture sediment before it enters drainages, and so that sediment can be removed seasonally and used for repair and restoration activities. Another idea is to create or maintain buffer zones between streams and OHV roads, trails, and use areas so that sediment is naturally dissipated and captured before it enters the stream. This may include closing trails adjacent to streams to maintain vegetative buffer.

(Check all that apply.)

X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	2	The narrative identifies several examples of mitigating adverse impacts to special status species.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.

Stanislaus County Deputies began an enforcement and education program within both Off-Highway Vehicle Parks and in keeping with the Department's Motto, "Education and Enforcement" the team has begun contacting violators with more education (Lecture and Release) than enforcement, educating them in the California Vehicle Code Off-Highway Vehicle Laws.

The County conducts sound testing according to Section 38370 of the Vehicle Code that reads: On or after January 1, 2003, off-highway motor vehicles, when operating pursuant to Section 38001, shall at all times be equipped with a silencer, or other device, which limits noise emissions. (1) Noise emissions of competition off-highway vehicles manufactures on or after January 1, 1998, shall be limited to not more than 96 dbA, and if manufactured prior to January 1, 1998, to not more than 101 dbA, when measured from a distance of 20 inches using test procedures established by the Society of Automotive Engineers under Standard J-1287, as applicable.

The Deputies completed an Entrance Station Inspection checkpoint at each park (both Frank Raines and La Grange). As visitors entered the park, they were inspected for the following: sound level, green stickers, safety helmets and spark arrestors. At La Grange OHV Park (December 2006) 247 OHV's were inspected and 43 OHV's were denied entry due to on-view violations. At Frank Raines OHV Park, (October 2006), 300 OHV's were inspected and 25 of them were denied entry due to on-view violations. All those who were denied entry to the park were advised on the sort of violation and how to correct the deficiencies.

Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department contacted the State and received a type II Sound Meter for educational use within both parks. The sound meter is used frequently as a training tool for the user to understand the process that is being implemented and eventually enforced at both locations. The County is currently on a list to receive sound meters that are more accurate so citations can be written when the rider fails the sound test. In addition, Type I Sound Meter training has been requested for all team members with State Parks-OHV, which is pending a class date at this time.

Information can be found in the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department "Special Vehicle Operations Unit" - SC OHV Enforcement Education & Rescue document for both Frank Raines and La Grange.

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.

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| a. | Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable) |
| X | On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points) |
| | Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points) |
| b. X | Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point) |
| c. | Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score) |

Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
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Maximum points available for General Criteria 62

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	Tulare Recreation, Parks and Library Department	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>6.59</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The top fifth receives (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The second fifth receives (4 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The third fifth receives (3 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The fourth fifth receives (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The last fifth receives (1 point)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	2	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
X	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
X	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
X	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	6	Division Findings	6	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

The Tulare Cycle Park includes a 1-- 1/4 mile motocross track and a 1/4 mile flat track. In addition to the main riding course, a peewee course is available for the young novice to sharpen his/hers skills before entering the challenging course. The Cycle Park is designed for all skill levels, from the beginner rider to the advanced rider. Three different courses are available to accomodate all skill levels.

OHV opportunity is available all year around (12 months). This past year from 7/1/06 to 6/30/07 we had 140 practice dates and 5 race events. Each practice date ran from 5:00 p.m to 10:00 p.m on Tuesdays and Thursdays and from 8:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Tulare Cycle Park offers OHV opportunity for dirt bike`s and for A.T.V.`s. during each practice date. A.T.V.`s and dirt bikes each have thier own course.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)**a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)**

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
X	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-788	1/23/2007	7/23/2007	\$33,550	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$41,938	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					75	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.	

b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)				
	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)				
	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)				
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.	

c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?

	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)				
	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)				
	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)				
	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.	

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

Because of the location of the Tulare Cycle Park, which is in southwest Tulare surrounded by farm land and the Tulare Waste Water Treatment Plant, there are no conflicts with non-motorized recreation activities. The 20 acre Park is enclosed by 6' chain link fencing (closed course) and the only activity that takes place at the park is OHV riding which holds a record of attracting off road cycle enthusiasts outside of Tulare County and beyond. Facilities within the City of Tulare that accommodate non-motorized recreation activities are located miles away from the Tulare Cycle Park.

In addition, because of the location of the Tulare Cycle Park, this project protects residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise, trespassing, and property damage. There are no residents located within miles of the facility so noise from OHV riders is not a problem. Further more, with the Park being open to OHV riders, adjacent landowners have experienced a reduction in trespassing and property damage from illegal riding.

The Tulare Cycle Park also protects public health and safety. First of all, having the park open 140 practice days eliminates OHV riders from using public streets, highways or illegal riding close to residential areas. In addition the park offers riders a safe place to ride away from the general public and traffic. Lastly, the preparation of the dirt track prior to all events, which includes discing, grooming and watering of the track as well as compaction and shaping of all jumps, ramps and turns provides a safe place for riders and spectators to enjoy OHV practice days and race events.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)

a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).

☒ Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)

☐ No (answer item b below)

Applicant Score	10	Division Findings	10	Concur.
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b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.

Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)

☐ Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)

☐ Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)

☐ Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)

Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
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c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)

☐ Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)

☐ Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)

Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
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6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

The Motor Cycle Safety Foundation, so impressed with the Tulare Cycle Park, its management and its safety record, has asked to partner on a Beginner Riding School at our Park. This school is designed to teach the first time rider how to safely ride a Motor Cycle.

Our Cycle Park manager also contacts local motorcycle dealerships on sponsorship possibilities and distributes flyers to these local dealerships on upcoming events at the park.

Our manager has also spoke at two elementary schools in the Fresno School District on OHV opportunity at the Tulare Cycle Park and the importance of riding dirt bikes and A.T.V.'s on a safe course.

Currently a web site is under construction for the Tulare Cylce Park and will be up and running in October. However, a link is provided thru the City of Tulare's web site.

The Tulare Cycle Park also advertises in the City of Tulare "Access Tulare" activity guide which is published and sent to all Tulare Residents three times a year. In addition, flyers on the tracks practice and event days are made available at all City sponsored and Co-Sponsored events throughout the year. (Spring Carnival, Cinco de Mayo, Kids Day, Summer Sally and Tulare Health Fair)

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)

X	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices
X	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers
X	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices
X	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices

Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.

Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
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b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in?
(Check all that apply.)

	Billboards		Other (specify):
	CDs		Television
X	Community meetings		Parades
X	OHV Dealers		Radio
	Fairs	X	School Programs
X	News Releases	X	Web page

Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.

Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
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7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
X	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			
The Tulare Cycle Park is surrounded by farm land and the Tulare Waste Water Treatment Plant. The 20 acre Park is enclosed by 6' chain link fencing (closed course).				
No (answer items b and c)				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
Yes (5 points)				
No (no score)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
The Tulare Cycle Park is surrounded by farm land and the Tulare Waste Water Treatment Plant. The 20 acre Park is enclosed by 6' chain link fence and has no species or habitats of concern or risk factors associated with OHV recreation.				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
Because of the location of the Tulare Cycle Park, this project protects residents, private property and adjacent landowners from noise. There are no residents located within a mile radius of the facility. Historically, noise has not been a problem at our facility however, our Park Manager continues to inspect all cycles at the gate, prior to entering the facility, to ensure the bikes are equipped with proper safety gear and spark arresters.				
Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b.	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c. X	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Angeles National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>296.42</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	4	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

Littlerock OHV Area: Open riding area for ATV, MC, 4x4 and Dune Buggy. Opportunities for all skill levels are provided. Facility support includes: parking, food store, restrooms, BBQ stoves, picnic tables, trash receptacles, shade Ramada's, information, education and regulatory signing.

Drinkwater Flat OHV Area: Single staging area, trash receptacles, parking, information, education and regulatory signing. Trail riding for ATV, MC, 4x4 and Dune Buggy. Opportunities for all skill levels are provided.

San Gabriel Canyon OHV Area: Open riding area for ATV, MC, 4x4 and Dune Buggy. Opportunities for all skill levels are provided. Facility support includes: parking, restrooms, trash receptacles, information, education and regulatory signing.

Rowher Flat OHV Area: Three staging areas. Trail riding for ATV, MC, 4x4 and Dune Buggy. 140 acres of open riding is provided along with an enclosed Kids area. Opportunities for all skill levels are provided. Facility support includes: parking, restrooms, trash receptacles, BBQ stoves, picnic tables, loading and unloading ramps, information, education and regulatory signing.

The California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) in coordination with the forest has developed a trails and areas map for OHV users. This map shows all the OHV trails and areas that are open for legal OHV use. The map indicates 3 skill levels (Easy, More Difficult and Most Difficult), trail name, type of use (ATV, MC, 4x4 and Dune Buggy) and length of the trail. These maps are available at forest district offices and the forest supervisor's office. In addition the maps are distributed at OHV trade shows, community events and available from OHV patrols. The opportunities for OHV use are available for 12 months of the year.

Trails are signed for skill level, trail name, trail use and directional signs. Directions to long distant destinations are provided at trailheads and staging areas. Additional signing is provided for an 80 mile portion of the Back Country Discovery Trail which travels through the Rowher Flat and Drinkwater Flat OHV Areas and through the northern part of the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			

Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
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b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			

Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
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c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			

Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
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4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2A-66	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$150,150	N		100
OR-2A-65	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$154,700	N		90
OR-2-A-64	12/03/2004	05/01/2007	\$30,000	N		100
OR-2-A-64	12/03/2004	05/01/2006	\$30,000	N		100
OR-2A-65	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$154,700	N		100
OR-2A-65	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$154,700	N		100
OR-2A-65	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$154,700	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$758,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					44	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

The Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) Law Enforcement (LE) program on the Angeles National Forest (ANF) includes Law Enforcement patrols consisting of off road motorcycles, All Terrain Vehicles (ATV) and four wheel drive vehicles. Employees are able to make one on one, check point contacts and participate in multi-agency patrols to enforce the Code of Federal Regulations and the California Vehicle Codes. These codes involve OHV violations thereby keeping OHV users operating in a manner which does not cause additional resource damage including soil erosion, loss of vegetation, loss of wildlife habitat, degradation of water quality and Non-motorized user conflicts. These patrols will also provide information, education or violation notices to the users as appropriate. The maximum numbers of OHV patrols are scheduled for weekends and holidays when use is at its highest, therefore insuring the greatest number of OHV user contacts. The Angeles OHV employees also attend OHV user shows and community events providing handouts such as brochures, trail maps and Tread Lightly materials. OHV employees also perform sound testing at local motorcycle dealers thereby reducing the number of contacts that are made in the field. The Angeles is dedicated to the protection of designated wilderness areas and private property by not designating any OHV use areas or routes adjacent to or with access to wilderness areas or private property. The Angeles further restricts OHV activities around archaeological sites in areas such as Rowher Flat OHV Area and in unique wildlife habitats such as San Gabriel Canyon OHV Area and Littlerock Recreation Area by placing informational, directional and regulatory signs as needed to provide the greatest opportunity so the OHV user can be compliant with forest regulations and state laws. Signing is placed in staging areas, on bulletin boards, at trailheads, and along OHV routes in sensitive areas. The Angeles uses barriers such as field fencing, pipe and cable, boulders and railroad tie barriers along with natural vegetation and topography to insure the protection of natural and cultural resources, to prevent OHV use in unauthorized areas and in conducting OHV patrols to prevent or apprehend violators.

An area of special emphasis of the Law Enforcement program on the forest is the "garage rider" an OHV user that illegally gains access on to the forest from private or county land that borders the forest. This type of user causes conflict with non-motorized users and damage to natural and cultural resources on private, county and federal land. The coordination with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department (LASD) and the ANF over the last 4 years by teaming forest officers with sheriff deputies has enabled both agencies to expand the patrol areas and has made significant reductions in this type of violation. The ANF and LASD meet monthly with motorized and non-motorized user groups about OHV issues on the forest such as trespass by OHVs into unauthorized areas.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
X	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	10	Division Findings	10	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

The Angeles National Forest (ANF) covers 70% of the open space in Los Angeles County with a population of over 11 million people. This large population base results in very high use of the Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) areas on the ANF most of these users are new to the sport and are unaware of many state and federal laws on OHV use.

The ANF OHV employees regularly attend OHV user shows such as the Off Road Expo in Pomona and the International Motorcycle Show in Long Beach. OHV staff also attends community events such as staffing a booth with the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Department at the local mall in the town of Valencia, attend local parades in towns such as Acton and Lake Elizabeth, and work with local OHV dealers by providing trail maps, and provide sound testing to enable OHV users to correct non compliant sound levels of their vehicles prior to visiting the ANF. Most OHV patrols are scheduled for weekends and holidays with contacts ranging from warnings to issuing of violation notices all of these events and field contacts allow OHV personnel to answer questions about safety aspects of OHV operation including sound level requirements and all terrain vehicle training opportunities and locations, provide handouts such as OHV brochures with information on other OHV areas within the state, interpretive information providing OHV trail maps for the local OHV areas and responsible OHV use found in Tread Lightly material. The ANF also maintains an OHV web page within the ANF web site for internet users to inform OHV users of federal and state rules and regulations on the ANF. The ANF OHV staff regularly meets with OHV and non OHV users groups such as the California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) and local motorcycle or four wheel drive clubs about recreation issues on the forest. Such groups have helped the ANF obtain other grant funds for projects such as a staging area (Indian Canyon) for OHV and non-OHV users (equestrian) thereby reducing areas forest officers have to patrol to make compliance contacts with OHV users.

The USDA Forest Service (Region 5) and the American Safety Institute (ASI) has sign and Memorandum of Understanding whereas the Forest Service will provide land where ATV course could be setup. The ANF has issued a Special Use Permit to ASI so it can provide the ATV Rider Certificate training at Rowher Flat OHV Area and San Gabriel Canyon OHV Area. The local districts works closely with the instructors so the users are informed of the requirements.

The use of OHV signs are important part of the Law Enforcement program on the ANF. Signs such as Informational (trail use type, trail difficulty), directional and regulatory (state and Federal OHV laws) signs will be repaired, replaced or installed as needed to reduce the need for one on one enforcement contacts. The signs or barriers will be placed in staging areas, on bulletin boards at trailheads, and along OHV routes.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): <u>OHV Trade Shows</u>	
	CDs		Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
	OHV Dealers		Radio	
	Fairs		School Programs	
	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>The vision of the Angeles National Forest is to provide a transportation system of roads and trails that are safe, environmentally sound, responds to public need and is efficient to manage. Habitats for sensitive or threatened species are managed to prevent downward trends in population and to prevent federal listing. The standards are the fundamental requirements that define the parameters for the activities that the Forest Service anticipates. The Forest Service's intent is to use these standards in combination with other guidance that will be identified based on project analysis and planning. Motorized vehicle travel is restricted to National Forest System roads and trails and limited areas that are designated for vehicle use. Reference: LMP (Design Criteria for Southern California Forest-Part 3, pg. 1 and pg 9 Standard 35</p> <p>The use zones established by the forest Land Manage Plan (LMP) restricts motorize use to Back Country and Developed Areas Interface on designated roads, trails, and open areas. Reference: LMP (Southern California National Forest Vision-Part 2, pg. 5</p> <p>Areas and trails shall be located to minimize harassment of wildlife or significant disruption of wildlife habitats. Whenever the determination is made that the use of off highway vehicles will cause or is causing considerable adverse effects on wildlife, wildlife habitats of particular areas or trails of public lands, immediately close the areas or trails to the type of use causing the affects, until such time it has been determined that the adverse affects have been eliminated and measures have been implemented to prevent future occurrences.</p> <p>Reference: Forest Service Mannual 2355.01 Sec.3(2), Sec.9</p>				

(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p>
<p>The Angeles National Forest (ANF) is committed to reducing user conflicts between Off Highway Vehicle (OHV) users and non OHV users.</p> <p>A common complaint is the high level of noise from some OHV user's machines. OHV staff will enforce state noise standards in all OHV areas to reduce this type of complaint. Sound testing is done on weekends and holidays by trained staff, this often results in a warning or a federal violation notice being issued for non compliance. The users are also given information as to where they might acquire the proper equipment to meet the sound standards. A log of the sound test results is available at the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District office.</p> <p>Sound testing is also provided at local motorcycle dealerships thereby enabling OHV users to correct the non compliant sound levels of their vehicles prior to visiting the ANF and reducing field contacts for this type of violation in the future and allowing enforcement staff to enforce more serious violations or respond to calls for medical aid.</p>

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
X	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Cleveland National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>657.50</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	5	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

Corral Canyon / Bear Valley and Wildomar OHV Areas provide riding opportunities for a variety of skill levels and OHV types in close proximity to large urban populations and large numbers of registered OHV's in San Diego, Orange, and Riverside Counties. They are normally open year round unless a fire closure is in effect.

Corral Canyon / Bear Valley OHV area offers 27 miles of OHV trails and 28 miles of Level 2 roads open to OHV use. Motorcycles, ATV's and 4WD vehicles are all accommodated on this large system of trails and roads with many miles suitable for all vehicle types with a variety of terrain and challenges. There are an additional 20 miles of Level 2 roads in the area open to street legal OHV's such as jeeps and motorcycles. The area trails are designated for novice, intermediate, or advanced skill levels depending on both the individual trail and the type of OHV being used. Routes vary from narrow motorcycle single-track to 4WD jeep routes and from gradually sloped and smooth flowing to very steep, rocky and technically difficult trails. Detailed maps of the area showing the OHV transportation system, skill levels and mileage are available to the public free of charge at our office or from our OHV technician in the field. Trail information is also posted on several information kiosks throughout the area. Two staging areas and two OHV campgrounds provide convenient access to the system of trails and roads.

The Wildomar area contains approximately 2 miles of "Beginner" trails that are single or double track width. These can be used by all riders, especially those who are just learning the basics of trail riding and OHV use. Several miles of "Intermediate" single or double track trails also exist and are located primarily in the center of the OHV Area. They are a short distance from the staging area, and are easily accessible for riders. Finally, Wildomar offers several miles of trails at the "Advanced" level that contain extremely challenging routes that are technical and contain natural obstacles.

Wildomar has various routes that can be used for 4x4s (1.82 miles), ATVs (7.14 miles), and/or dirt bikes (7.14 miles). In addition to the OHV Area, the Trabuco Ranger District maintains approximately 60 miles of level 2 roads that are open to "street-legal" motorized use. This includes 4x4, 4x2, and dual-sport type motorcycles. These roads are open the majority of the year, but do close at times for weather related issues or natural resource protection. The "Tot Lot", which is approximately one acre, provides a safe location for young beginners to learn, develop, and practice their riding skill on motorcycles or ATVs.

Corral Canyon was temporarily closed from August, 2006 to February, 2007 due to the Horse Fire, which burned 80% of the area, and was partially re-opened in March, 2007. Corral Canyon is expected to be fully re-opened by winter 2007/2008 with the installation of additional miles of needed fencing to prevent OHV intrusions.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE						
Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for <u>all</u> Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.						
Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-C-47	12/03/2004	08/31/2007	\$100,000	N		100
OR-2-C-48	1.23.06	7.23.2007	\$51,084	Y	Extended til September 2008 due to 7.2006 Horse Fire impacts to Corral Canyon	50
OR-2-C-49	1.23.2006	7.23.2007	\$57,850	Y	Extended to 9.2008 due to impacts associated with 7.2006 Horse Fire impacts	50
OR-2-C-50	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$74,738	Y	Extended to September 2008 due to impacts associated with the Horse Fire.	75
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$900,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					11	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

We use a variety of methods on the Forest to prevent OHV intrusions into sensitive areas, closed areas, wilderness areas, and private lands. Regulatory and informational signs, including trail maps (Corral Canyon OHV Guide, 2005) are some of the best proactive measures we use at our trailhead and campground kiosks and also along our roads and trails. Use of these signs and maps of open trails improves the OHV recreation experience, increases compliance with regulations, and decreases resource damage. Installation and maintenance of fencing and vehicle barriers are another proactive and effective law enforcement method we employ to keep OHV's out of unauthorized areas and to prevent resource damage. Tens of miles of fencing have been installed over the years at our OHV areas to protect sensitive riparian habitats, cultural resources, wilderness areas and private lands from OHV intrusion. In July 2006, the Horse Fire burned approximately 80% of the Corral Canyon OHV area. The area was temporarily closed from August, 2006 through February, 2007. The area is planned to be re-opened in phases, with the first phase open in March 2007 thanks to installation of several miles of fencing installed by volunteers and CDC crews under Forest Service direction. More fencing is planned for installation in 2007 and 2008 with the entire area to be re-opened by winter 2007/2008. (fencing documentation is available in the Horse Fire BAER records). Steel vehicle barriers have been installed in particularly vulnerable areas or areas where OHV intrusion has become a problem (Several sections of steel barriers were installed in 2006/2007, records available upon request). The Corral Canyon OHV area is immediately adjacent to the Hauser Canyon Wilderness Area and contains several known cultural resources sites. A narrow, chip-sealed road and fencing separates San Mateo Canyon Wilderness from Wildomar OHV Area. Through a joint effort between Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers, Recreation Technicians, Forest Protection Officers, Fire Prevention Technicians, and the Wilderness Manager, OHV Areas and Wilderness boundaries are patrolled and monitored for intrusion 5-7 days a week. The presence of these Forest Service personnel at our OHV areas helps keep unauthorized use and resource damage from occurring. These areas are in relatively remote locations. Users who see a marked Forest Service vehicle in the area tend to comply better with regulations concerning riding on authorized trails only, not entering wilderness areas or private property, and not causing unnecessary resource damage. Our Fire Lookout at Los Pinos Peak has an eagle's eye view of the Corral Canyon OHV area and assists law enforcement by notifying when intrusions take place into undesignated areas. When intrusions are detected, they are corrected by fence repair, barrier installation, and/or brush piling to eliminate access as soon as possible. Individuals caught intruding into unauthorized areas are issued warnings or citations depending on the situation. The Forest Service has some funding to patrol for OHV intrusion, but not enough to keep our OHV areas open without state grant funding.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
<p>6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.</p> <p>Cleveland National Forest has established a comprehensive website located at www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/ . In the "Recreation" portion, a section entitled "OHV Areas" provides an excellent resource for those seeking information of OHV use in the National Forest, BLM land, or California State Parks land. The website directly addresses Wildomar and Corral Canyon/Bear Valley OHV Areas. It covers 10 major rules of OHV use on the Cleveland National Forest. It discusses safety items such as recommended safety gear, suggested supplies to carry on OHVs, and general trail safety tips. The site also provides informational updates for each of the OHV areas, and explains the available recreation opportunities at each area. OHV Area maps can also be viewed on the website. The "Tread Lightly" website is linked to the Forest website in order to provide public information on responsible OHV use on public land. The Forest website also has a link to the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation home page, so that Forest users can readily obtain additional information pertaining to wider variety of OHV topics, including Green Sticker/Red Sticker regulations, sound regulations, State Vehicular Recreation Areas (SVRA), and much more.</p> <p>Besides the website, Posted on several of our informational kiosks throughout Corral Canyon / Bear Valley and Wildomar OHV area, are flyers that discuss appropriate OHV use in the Cleveland National Forest (Corral Canyon OHV Area, Wildomar OHV Area, 2005). These flyers are also handed out to the public by our offices and field staff. They address a variety of items applicable to safe and responsible use including fees, required licensing, registration requirements, mufflers and sound regulations, brake system requirements, spark arrestors, helmet requirements, and mandatory certificates for juvenile riders. Another flyer is entitled "Off highway Vehicle Noise Standards" (2003). This handout explains, in detail, the noise limitation regulations that became effective July 15, 2003. It covers the maximum allowable decibels for standard OHVs, as well as "competition" OHVs, based on their manufacturing date.</p> <p>In addition, our OHV technicians, Recreation Technicians, Forest Protection Officers, and Law Enforcement Officers make regular public contact with OHV users during their patrols to answer questions about riding opportunities and explain area regulations.</p>				

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): Front Desk staffing on Saturday	
	CDs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings		Parades	
	OHV Dealers		Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs		School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>Maintenance of information kiosks, regulatory and informational signs educate and inform users of legal riding routes and greatly help avoid misunderstandings over what riding opportunities are available, largely keeping OHV use out of sensitive habitat such as riparian and meadow types. The Forest Service also maintains fencing, barriers and signing to prevent illegal riding activity within habitat for protected and sensitive species adjacent to trails and facilities as well as within identified (and un-identified) cultural resources sites located in the Corral Canyon / Bear Valley and Wildomar areas.</p> <p>Forest Service biologists periodically monitor protected species management in our OHV areas (See WHHP). The Forest maintains a Geographic Information System (GIS) database with the extent of protected and sensitive species habitat coverages which our biologists use to recommend areas for avoidance or protection relative to ongoing OHV activities and proposed projects. From time to time new species gain protected status, and management of potential habitat within or adjacent to the OHV areas must be reviewed with the help of GIS and field surveys.</p> <p>The Forest Service manages habitat for Threatened, Endangered, Proposed, Candidate, and Sensitive species within and adjacent to our OHV areas applying the direction provided in the Cleveland National Forest Land Management Plan (2005) available at www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/projects/forestplan/index.shtml <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland/projects/forestplan/index.shtml>. The Cleveland National Forest consults with the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) concerning management of protected species. The USFWS has issued Biological Opinions for the management of protected species on the Forest. The Cleveland National Forest manages the habitat in the OHV area in compliance with the Forest Land Management Plan and the relevant Biological Opinions.</p>				

(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p>
<p>Sound testing is performed at Wildomar OHV Area by Forest Service volunteers. This year our volunteers conducted sound testing on 20 weekend days. They typically performed this testing for approximately 5 hours per day. On average, they performed tests on 2 weekend days per month. The purpose of the testing is to provide public education and promote awareness regarding the importance of complying with the established sound level regulations in order to minimize noise pollution in natural environments. If funding is granted as applied for, the sound testing program will be enhanced in two areas. First, an OHV Manager would be able to focus on compliance issues, such as sound testing, and would be able to perform testing whenever necessary. Second, the OHV Manager would be available to coordinate the efforts of additional volunteers that would like to be involved with the sound testing program and public outreach in this venue.</p>

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
X	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Eldorado National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>57.79</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The top fifth receives (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The second fifth receives (4 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The third fifth receives (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The fourth fifth receives (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The last fifth receives (1 point)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	3	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
X	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
X	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
X	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
X	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

The Eldorado NF provides a variety of OHV recreation opportunities year-round for motorcycles, ATVs, four-wheel drives and snowmobiles (attached map). Many of the trails are multiple use routes, and are used frequently by equestrians, hikers, and mountain bikers, as well as OHV riders. The challenge level of the routes ranges from extremely challenging, such as the Rubicon 4WD trail and 60 miles of difficult motorcycle trails in the Elkins Flat area, to moderate routes, such as the Deer Valley 4WD trail and 80 miles of motorcycle trails in the Rock Creek area, to easy, such as the many miles of back-country roads open to motorcycles, ATVs and 4WDs across the Forest (see attached website pages, Rock Creek map and Silver Bear map). On the Amador District, there are several popular motorcycle and ATV riding areas, such as Gold Note, Bear River, Squaw Ridge, and Deer Valley. The roads and trails in the Bear River, Squaw Ridge, and Deer Valley areas are also popular for 4WD. Season of use is generally from April through November. There are also 60 miles of groomed snowmobile trails, and 5 miles of marked OSV trails. These are used generally from December through April. The Rock Creek area is a popular motorcycle and ATV riding area on the Georgetown RD. Other riding areas on the District include the Hunter trail (motorcycle use), Hell Hole 4WD trail, and Cache Rock 4WD trail. Riding and travel opportunities on the District are year-round, although routes in the higher elevations are often inaccessible in the winter months due to snow. The Pacific District includes the extremely challenging Barrett 4WD trail and heavily used Rubicon 4WD trail. There are also many roads used by ATVs and 4WDs. Riding opportunities are generally from May through November, although some use occurs over the snow during the remaining months. On the Placerville District, there are motorcycle riding opportunities in the Elkins Flat area and Buck Pasture trail, 4WD and ATV riding in the Long Canyon Trail, Strawberry Trail, Girard Canyon area, and on the many roads open for OHV travel. Riding generally occurs between March and November. Snowmobiling opportunities also exist during the winter months (generally from December through March) along Mormon Emigrant Trail, and the many roads leading from this Forest road. The Forest direction is that motorized OHV travel is restricted to designated roads and trails, and as such there are no open riding areas.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-E-66	11/01/04	01/31/06	\$104,000	N		100
OR-2-E-66	11/01/04	01/31/06	\$104,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$938,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					26	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.	

b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)				
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.	

c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)				
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.	

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

To prevent OHV intrusion into closed or sensitive areas, the Eldorado Forest enforces a Forest Order which prohibits motorized vehicles off of NFS roads or trails. This Order includes restricting travel within semi-primitive non-motorized areas, research natural areas, meadows, and other sensitive areas. The Forest distributed over 30,000 maps (attached) which describe the Forest Order and show the routes where travel is allowed. LE patrols enforce the restrictions as shown on the map. These patrols occur across the Forest on weekdays and weekends during the primary use season, and generally on weekends during the winter period. The Forest educates the public about these restrictions by regularly producing press releases, posting information on our website, bulletin boards, in offices, etc.(attached), and by attending public events and meetings (County Fairs, club meetings and events, etc.) The Forest conducts regular patrols and has installed signs, barriers, and gates to prohibit travel in sensitive areas, such as a recently installed gate to protect a population of dwarf manzanita (FS sensitive plant)(Georgetown RD), gates to protect wildlife habitat in the Fleming Meadow area (Placerville RD), and barriers to protect cultural resources in sensitive areas on the Forest. The Forest enforces a deer winter range closure in the Rock Creek area through patrols, signs (see photos), website postings, emails, etc. The Forest has installed signs and barriers in locations of past wheeled vehicle incursions into Wilderness areas, particularly along the borders of the Mokelumne Wilderness, and these areas are regularly patrolled during the summer. Incursions are now very infrequent, due to these efforts. To prevent OSV incursions into the Wilderness, boundary signs are installed and maintained along the Mokelumne Wilderness boundary (see photos). Storms of 2-5' (feet) of snow are common in the high elevations of the Forest and these snow events bury the signs, requiring patrollers to haul additional signs and regularly reestablish this sign line. Wintertime overflights of Mokelumne and Desolation Wilderness, and other non-motorized areas on the Forest, are conducted to find OSVs entering the closed areas and to identify where violations are occurring, so that signage and patrols can be focused in the problem areas. There is a large amount of private land within the Forest boundaries, and along the western border. Through enforcement of the existing Forest Travel Order and routine Forest patrols, FPOs prevent some incursions into private land, particularly where the private landowners have attempted to restrict access to their lands. The Forest Order map shows the presence of private land and does not show any roads other than Forest or County roads on private land, thereby reducing the likelihood visitors will intrude into private land. The Forest is currently completing a travel management plan which will designate the specific roads and trails to be open to public motor vehicle use, from which a Motor Vehicle Use Map will be produced. This map, along with future patrols, education, and other efforts, will further protect sensitive and closed areas from vehicle intrusions.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.				
<p>The Eldorado Forest provides education and outreach relating to responsible OHV riding practices and identifying appropriate OHV riding opportunities. The Forest provides information on our Forest website (copies attached) and we provide a variety of maps and Recreation Opportunity Guides, such as for the Rock Creek area, Elkins Flat area, Gold Note area, Silver Bear OSV Trail, and a Forest map showing routes open to motor vehicle travel. The Forest maintains a number of information boards and kiosks at popular OHV routes and areas (photo), which commonly contain a map and provide information about responsible riding practices. The Forest also provides the public with various brochures, such as one explaining our travel management rules, project updates relating to the Forest travel management planning project, information about picking your own camping spot, and cultural resource protection.. Public contacts are made at a number of locations such as at our District Offices and by Forest patrollers in the field. The field patrollers commonly hand out various brochures, maps, or other information along with Tread :Lightly information. There are two volunteer information stations hosted by OHV clubs and groups; one along the Rubicon 4WD trail during the summer, and one along Mormon Emigrant Trail during the winter. These volunteers educate and inform visitors and provide a variety of handouts as well as resource protection products (trash bags, WAG bags, and oil spill control packs). The Forest has produced news releases at the beginning of the summer season to inform visitors that travel is restricted to roads and trails shown on the Travel Management map, and Forest staff have provided public education and information at the El Dorado and Amador County Fair, at the beginning of recreation events, campground campfire programs, and other gatherings. Regular public meetings, referred to as the Rock Creek Collaborative Forum, are open to users and other interested parties active in the Rock Creek area, during which there is an exchange of information about use of the area and education about opportunities.</p>				

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): <u>campfire programs</u>	
	CDs		Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings		Parades	
	OHV Dealers		Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>The Eldorado NF, along with other national forests in California, follows water quality Best Management Practices that are established at the Regional level (copies available at the Forest office). These BMPs address practices for road building and maintenance, vegetative manipulation, OHV management, management of other recreation sites, and other activities. Implementation of these BMPs protects water quality and other sensitive resources that are affected by or dependent on clean water. The Eldorado Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (copy previously submitted to the OHMVR Div) establishes standards and guidelines for the management of activities on the Eldorado National Forest. These standards and guidelines are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species across the Forest, including in the areas where OHV use occurs. Specific standards and guidelines relating to OHV use include restricting OHV use to designated roads and trails, limiting the density of roads or trails open to OHV use within deer winter range and fawning areas, avoiding the construction of roads within meadows, restricting OHV use within primitive and semi-primitive non-motorized areas, the use of limited operating periods to avoid disturbance to goshawks, spotted owls, and various other wildlife species, wet weather closures to reduce damage to native surface trails, direction to limit the spread of noxious weeds, etc. The Forest has nearly completed the process of identifying the system of roads and trails to be designated for motor vehicle use. Additional standards and guidelines or management practices have been established for specific areas. For instance, a seasonal closure has been established in the Rock Creek area to limit disturbance of deer within a portion of the critical winter range. As a part of complying with the National Environmental Policy Act, the Forest has identified other measures to be followed that are designed to protect or enhance sensitive resources within the area of projects or activities, including maintenance of OHV routes and facilities. Some of these measures include identification by a botanist of known locations of sensitive plant populations prior to trail maintenance, restricting motorized equipment used for trail maintenance until after August 1 in critical deer fawning areas, avoiding maintenance activities to outside the period between March 1 and June 30 at known northwestern pond turtle nest sites, limiting of the type of straw and revegetation mixes used to avoid the spread of noxious weeds or other invasive plants, and measures to maintain stream bank stability during trail maintenance where trails cross streams.</p>				

(Check all that apply.)				
	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	2	The narrative failed to give credit for a particular item;"For instance, a seasonal closure has been established in the Rock Creek area to limit disturbance of deer within a portion of the critical winter range." and "the use of limited operating periods to avoid disturbance to goshawks, spotted owls,..."

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
Eldorado Forest maintains 4 sound meters for use by OHV Patrollers and LEOs, and has them calibrated annually. OHV Patrollers conduct formal sound tests and enforce restrictions at times during the primary use season, and more commonly conduct courtesy and informal sound tests during the use season (see photo attached in LE Project). Sound testing is routinely conducted during OHV events, working closely with the OHV event coordinator. The Forest submitted approximately 25 Sound Check cards to the OHV Division in 2006				

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
X	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b.	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>0.40</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	1	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

All travel on the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts is restricted to those routes shown on the Travel Map as "open" for motorized travel.

Describe skill levels available: The Travel Map for the Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts display the following skill levels:

Routes "open" for motorized travel (low clearance, street legal);

Routes "open" for motorized travel (high clearance, street legal);

Routes "open" for motorized travel (high clearance-4WD, ATV's, and dirt bikes).

Number of months in which OHV opportunity is available:
12 months.

Type of OHV recreation provided in the areas you manage:
ATV, dirt bike, high-clearance-4WD, OSV.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1-2 skill levels (3 points)
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-more (5 points)

Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
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b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

<input type="checkbox"/>	1 to 4 months (1 point)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	5 to 12 months (2 points)

Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
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c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)

Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
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4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for all Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-HT-09	10/01/2003	09/30/2004	\$50,000	N		100
C04V0017	10/29/2004	10/29/2005	\$103,730	N		100
OR-2-HT-09	10/01/2003	09/30/2004	\$50,000	N		100
C04V0017	10/29/2004	10/29/2005	\$103,730	N		100
OR-2-HT-09	10/01/2003	09/30/2004	\$50,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$153,730	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					100	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
<p>5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.</p> <p>Law Enforcement has purchased one mountain-class snowmobiles this past year for the Bridgeport Ranger District specifically to patrol wilderness boundaries and reduce intrusions into wilderness areas.</p> <p>Last winter, 2006,the Carson and Bridgeport Law Enforcement Officers (LEO`s), and Forest Protection Officers (FPO`s) conducted joint patrols along wilderness boundaries within each District. This coming winter, we will conduct similar operations with adjoining Forests with connecting wilderness boundaries.</p> <p>LEO`s and FPO`s have partnered with State and County Officers in joint patrols and information sharing.</p> <p>Joint operations involving overflights to locate wilderness intrusions as well as identifying new access points into wilderness areas have been conducted each winter. Those areas are being mapped to assist in narrowing-down the areas needing more patrols to increase LEO efficiency.</p> <p>Carson and Bridgeport Ranger Districts now have a full-time LEO on each District.</p> <p>Referencing this information from the Application Year: 2006/2007 Law Enforcement Grant.</p>				

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.				
<p>Law Enforcement and OHV Program Managers continue to be the primary on-the-ground educators with the public in all aspects of proper forest use, public safety and public awareness. Contact is made with OHV users on a daily basis to educate those users on safe OHV use and directing users to approved areas for those uses. Work continues with numerous OHV clubs and volunteer groups to assist in the education process of forest OHV users.</p> <p>Referencing this information from the Application Year: 2006/2007 Law Enforcement Grant.</p>				

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards		Other (specify):	
	CDs		Television	
	Community meetings		Parades	
	OHV Dealers		Radio	
	Fairs		School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

Manage ecosystems containing sensitive plant and animal and threatened and endangered animal populations to maintain or increase these populations and to achieve recovery.

Coordinate management practices which may affect threatened and California and Nevada state wildlife agencies.

Improve habitat for threatened or endangered species, and sensitive species that have been adversely affected by man's activity in wilderness areas.

Apply grazing management systems aimed at improving key habitat for big game animals and fisheries. As a maximum, browse utilization by livestock or wild horses on key winter ranges will not exceed 30 percent on those areas prior to big game use.

Minimize disturbing activities (grazing, timber, mining, etc.) on key mule deer habitat (fawning areas, winter range, riparian areas, holding areas, migration corridors, etc.).

Manage habitats of wolverine, Mount Lye11 salamander, yellow warbler, and other wildlife species that may have declining populations or narrow habitat requirements, to assure viable populations and reasonable distributions. Encourage surveys and other data gathering activities for these species.

Limit predator control to specific problem animals and/or areas.

Encourage introductions, reintroductions, and augmentation for important wildlife agencies and adjacent federal agencies.

Manage aspen stands at a mid-succession or higher ecological status with emphasis on improving age-class structure.

Utilize the timber program as a tool in accomplishing vegetative management projects. Use commercial timber sales and pinyon/juniper management to improve diversity and wildlife habitat.

Retain an average of three down logs per acre as wildlife habitat. Minimum down log size will be 15 inches in diameter at the large end and at least 15 feet in length.

Perform field inventories to identify habitat occupied by threatened and endangered species.

Maintain wildlife administration improvements at a level sufficient to meet the purpose of project and for the life of the project, Cooperative NDOW fishery surveys will be completed as per Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

(Check all that apply.)				
	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p> <p>Summer: Compliance with the new state decibel limit (96 db) is enforced using the 20-inch test with tachometer. We required that operators are in compliance with State regulations and test for this. The above statement is referenced from 2005/2006 Law Enforcement Grant.</p> <p>Winter: We do not sound level test on OSV's because of liability issues it would present to the Forest. I understand that a 100-yard, full-throttle testing site is required. Personal discussion with Dave Leveille, LEO for the Humboldt-Toiyabe NF.</p>

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
X	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b.	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Inyo National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>145.44</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	4	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

The Forest contains a large variety of terrain, from desert to high mountains, available for OHV. The Inyo National Forest has approximately 1,400,000 acres outside of Wilderness areas that contain approximately 3,297 miles of roads and trails available for OHV use with 2,989 miles available for high-clearance vehicles¹. The Forest manages ten “focus” areas which are listed below. There are 247 miles of roads and trails within the Forest’s ten “focus” which receive highly concentrated OHV use.

- o Monache
- o Poleta Open Area
- o Coyote
- o White Mountains and Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest
- o Mazorka Canyon and Inyo Mountains
- o McGee Creek and Sagehen Meadow area/Taylor Canyon
- o Glass Creek/Deadman/Crater Flats
- o Lookout Loop
- o East Craters
- o Mono Basin Scenic Area

Routes in these areas as well as routes throughout the Forest consist of a variety of skill levels. With the Forest being over 200 miles long OHV opportunity is available in some areas year -round, especially the Mazorka Canyon and Inyo Mountains areas and Poleta Open area. In addition, the escarpment of the Sierra Nevada’s from Bishop to the southern boundary of the Forest is open year-round. The Forest informs the public about OHV opportunity and skill levels available in a variety of ways. General Forest maps, specific OHV area maps, trails have directional markers, visitor centers answer specific questions are OHV opportunities (including Black Rock Station on the Sequioa for the Monache area) and OHV technicians answer are in the field making contacts regarding specific routes and where recreationists should ride depending on their skill level.

In addition, the Forest grooms approximately 80 miles for OSV’s, with approximately 252,000 acres available for OSV’s on the Mammoth and Mono Lake Ranger Districts¹. This is generally available from the end of November through the end of March. Given the varied terrain and snowfall amounts the time available varies from season to season. The terrain is such that all skills levels can use the groomed area. In addition, riders can traverse off the groomed trails into areas that challenge their individual skill level. The trails are marked with locational and directional signs and in some cases maps are posted at trail junction. An OSV opportunity trail map is available at the Mammoth Visitor Center that rates the individual trails by skill level, and details opportunities available both on groomed and non groomed trails and open riding areas.

References:

1. Business plan for the Inyo National Forest: A Window of Opportunity. R5-MB-124 May 2007.
2. Winter Recreation Map, from Hot Creek to Saddlebag Lake, Devils Postpile National Monument to Bald Mountain and Off-Highway Vehicle and Mountain Bike Map; Mammoth Lakes, Crowley Lake, Hot Creek, Convict Lake, June Lake, produced by Town of Mammoth Lakes and Inyo National Forest, Available at Mammoth Lakes and Mono Basin Visitor Centers
3. General Forest Recreation Map - available at the Supervisors Office, and at the White Mountain Ranger District, the Mammoth and Mono Basin Visitor Centers and the joint Eastern Sierra visitor Center in Lone Pine.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE						
Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for <u>all</u> Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.						
Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-I-68	10/1/2004	1/31/2006	\$100,000	N		100
OR-2-I-66	10/1/2004	2/28/2006	\$42,000	N		100
OR-2-I-69	10/1/2004	10/1/2006	\$40,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$548,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					49	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	2	The applicant's response in the past performance section indicates no time extensions requested.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
X	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
X	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

The two Northern Ranger Districts have 3 Forest Protection Officers (FPO's; covering. The two Southern Ranger Districts have - 2 FPO's; The Forest has 4 Law Enforcement officers that stagger their time off to ensure at least 1 officer is available 7 days a week. Mono County Sheriffs' Department, Inyo County Sheriffs Department and Mammoth Lakes Police Department, California Department of Fish and Game, and volunteer patrollers from Sneakers also work cooperatively with the Forest Service to supplement the Forest's OHV Enforcement efforts. See PC/D for Law enforcement for a specific breakdown of time and monies spent for Law enforcement.

Forest LEO's and FPO's make regular contacts in the field - describing the various recreational experiences available, unique areas of the Forest, areas of closure, restoration areas, describe current Forest policies, distributing maps of the area and brochures promoting responsible use. Their presence helps protect the investment made in past closure and restoration of roads and trails. They ensure that users stay on designated trails to protect resources such as rare plant populations, water quality and riparian values.

The Forest has both directional and informational signing to assist the public to ensure they stay on designed trails and clearly define where Wilderness boundaries and other sensitive areas are to help them comply. The Forest uses Carsonite and wood signs depending on the site and the nature of message.

The Forest Law Enforcement Program focuses on key areas of known wilderness incursion - especially during certain periods. The use of signs and maps assist the public in staying in designated areas and away from Wilderness and closure areas, as well as providing better expectations for both OSV and non-motorized users, reducing conflicts between these groups. Forest places has sensors at known wilderness incursion sites for OSV's.

During the Mammoth Motocross event, which attracts thousands of motorized riders to the area, the Forest focuses on additional patrols to prevent incursion into the John Muir Wilderness at trailheads near the event. Patrollers actively engage visitors, and use proactive contacts as an opportunity to reduce violations and aid in dissipation of user conflicts. We also distribute informational brochures produced in conjunction with the Town of Mammoth Lakes (brochure available upon request).

Law Enforcement and OHV personnel also utilize engineered and proven restoration solutions to prevent violations. Engineered solutions include signage, barricades, gates or other obstacles that physically prevent access and violations (this method is not always successful in conditions on the Forest where topography and surface geology preclude "defensible" barriers that cannot be circumvented). "Vertical mulching" and other methods of disguising past incursions or travelways have been highly effective. Design and construction of facilities, kiosks, trailheads, signed loops and sign installation is a key component of engineered solutions by directing the public from closure areas to prevent incursions and resource damage.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

The Forest actively engages visitor and user group contact as a primary tool in the efforts to reduce violations and to aid in the diffusion and dissipation of use conflict. The Forest focuses on patrolling and enforcement of closures and laws to provide for safety of the Forest visitor and resource protection. Public outreach and communication are deemed essential as a "soft" enforcement approach.

The Forest informs the public about OHV opportunity and skill levels available in a variety of ways. General Forest maps are available, specific OHV area maps are available; trails have directional markers, visitor centers answer specific questions are OHV opportunities (including Black Rock Station on the Sequoia for the Monache area) and OHV technicians answer telephone questions and are in the field making contacts regarding specific routes and where people should ride depending on their skill level.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes currently prints OHV Maps at their expense. The maps are available from the Mammoth Lakes visitor (available upon request) center and distributed by the LEO's and FPO's on the Mammoth and Mono Lake RDs. The Forest, in cooperation with the Town of Mammoth Lakes Parks and Recreation Department, produced a brochure to distribute at Motocross events describing the OHV program on the Forest specifically describing required equipment and safety equipment, where to ride and registration and licensing information. The Forest in conjunction with many cooperating agencies produces the publication "Sport Utility Vehicle Routes, Motor Touring in the Eastern Sierra including Death Valley" (available upon request). The Forest also produces a brochure specific to the Ancient Bristlecone Forest area that displays OHV routes (available upon request).

The Forest has kiosks at critical staging areas throughout the Forest. The kiosks are used to inform the public about current riding regulations, safety concerns, and contain maps on areas to ride. These are updated annually or when new information is available.

The Forest holds public meetings at least once a year to discuss the OHV program, issues and potential conservation and restoration projects. Public meetings are usually held in conjunction with the local Bureau of Land Management (BLM) office.

An OSV opportunity trail map, produced with the Town of Mammoth Lakes, is available at the Mammoth Visitor Center that details the individual trails and opportunities available both on groomed and non groomed trails and open riding areas. FPO's, LEO's and the Nordic ski patrol volunteers distribute the map.

The Forest has completed outreach, in July 2007, through radio (KSRW) and television (Cable Channel 31) interviews to encourage the public to stay on existing roads and trails in recently burned areas to facilitate soil and vegetative recovery post-fire (transcripts of interview are available upon request).

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): Motocross events	
	CDs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings		Parades	
	OHV Dealers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
	Fairs		School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

The Forest has an aggressive program of monitoring and address problem areas through conservation and restoration projects. The Forest employees professional Botanists and Biologist that monitor species work with the FPO's and other Forest staff to identify problem areas and develop conservation and restoration techniques to mitigate the concern. The Forest OHV technician's record and track instances of off-road trespass, with an emphasis on sensitive areas such as pumice flats, riparian areas and sand dunes. Pumice flats and sand dunes contain sensitive plant species throughout the Forest.

We utilize both the stream crossing checklist and the Soil Loss checklist to document the effects of motorized use on stream and riparian system health with OHV recreation areas.

The WHPP/HMP documents monitoring efforts for species of concern. The Forest conducts species monitoring to determine OHV use at both a Regional (See WHPP Table 7, 2007 Grant Application) and local scales.

Examples of conservation and restoration to address problem areas identified through monitoring include: 1) selective route closure (including blocking, and disguising) for sensitive plant protection in Smokey Bear Flat and other pumice flats and 2) barrier enhancement and signage to prevent further off road trespass off of existing routes into known sensitive plant populations in the Monache area. 3) placement of a bridge over cow Creek that contains occupied yellow-legged frog habitat. The Forest has identified and received monies to improve stream crossings and close and restore a "red" rated trail. Techniques include rocking and defining the crossing to limit impacts to riparian vegetation, blocking, raking out created tracks, "vertical mulching, and planting native vegetation.

The Forest adheres to the Water Quality Management for Forest System Lands in California; Best Management Practices (September 2000, available upon request) to design conservation and restoration projects. While this document mostly pertains to soil and watershed protection, habitat is also protected when soil and water quality are protected and enhanced. We monitor the effectiveness of treatments and document that in the WHPP/HMP.

The Forest allows OSV's only when there is sufficient snow cover to protect soil and vegetative resources, as document in the Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (1988 on file at OHV commission). No off-trail riding was detected in a known bald eagle nest area (WHPP/HMP Table 6 2006 grant application) as an example of OSV monitoring.

(Check all that apply.)

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| X | OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting |
| X | Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present |

Scoring: 1 point each

Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
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8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.

Sound testing was made available in campgrounds (which act as staging areas also) in the Northern end of the Forest and during authorized motorcycle events conducted on the Forest such as Sierra Safari motorcycle event. The Forest has a Quest Model 1400 sound level meter. The testing was mostly for informational and educational purposes. Signs are posted at the campground kiosks that inform the public as to who to contact and how to receive a sound test. Testing was completed on a rotating basis at many of the campgrounds in the North Zone on the weekends. The North Zone FPO is a qualified sound tester. In addition FPO's and LEO's also do registration check and do a spark arrestor (muffler system included) check for recreational riders and riders in authorized recreational events.

The Bishop BLM office also has sound testing equipment and a certified tester. The BLM produced a news release describing how, where and when the testing can take place (see BLM OHV grant, General Criteria for more information.) Recreational riders often ride on both BLM and Inyo National Forest Lands as they are adjacent to each other and roads and trail often traverse both agencies.

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.

a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (<i>Check only one if applicable</i>)			
X	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Lassen National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>29.45</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The top fifth receives (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The second fifth receives (4 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The third fifth receives (3 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The fourth fifth receives (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The last fifth receives (1 point)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	3	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
X	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
X	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
X	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	6	Division Findings	6	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

Skill levels

The Lassen offers a variety of OHV recreation opportunities ranging from highly technical to kiddie loops and sand pits for youngsters on their first ATV. The High Lakes and Front Country OHV Areas offer 35 miles of more challenging trails and rock climbs; more advanced drivers with lifted 4x4 vehicles and lockers are recommended. Several segments of trails equal the difficulty level of the more famous Rubicon Trail. Most of the use in these two areas is with street-legal vehicles and ATVs. A few dirt bikers also enjoy them and this use may increase.

The Potato Buttes-Twin Bridges Area is popular with ATV riders and dirt bikers of all experience levels. Because of its rolling and sandy terrain, it is not generally used by 4x4 drivers. This area consists of ATV trails and two open riding areas. One is a sand pit frequently used by families with young children just learning to ride and gaining their confidence. A nearby cinder pit with steep slopes is popular with more advanced dirt bikers for hill climbs.

The Lassen National Forest also has 4,495 miles of roads and trails currently open to OHV travel. Most of these routes are used for scenic driving, nature study, dispersed camping, hunting, and fishing. They are suitable for drivers at any experience level in a standard sport utility vehicle and well as ATV riders and dirt bikers.

The Lassen also offers 312 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and 78 miles of un-groomed trails. Unless closed to motor vehicle use, most of the Forest is open to cross-country travel by snowmobilers. Wide open bowls are popular for hill climbing and high marking.

Trail difficulty ratings are not displayed on any forest maps or trail signs.

Times OHV Opportunity is available

The Lassen is open to OHV recreation 9 months of the year (March through November). The Front Country OHV Area is a low elevation semi-primitive non-motorized area that never receives snow. This area is popular in the late fall and early spring when much of the Forest is still under snow. Upon snow melt, the rest of the Forest is open. Winter OSV use typically occurs between December 25 and March 30.

Type of OHV Opportunity

The Lassen National Forest offers a variety of roads, trails, and OHV riding areas for all vehicle classes. Forest Service (FS) high clearance roads were designed for highway legal vehicles (2,664 miles). User-created OHV trails are suitable only for ATV or dirt bike use as they are less than 50 inches (170 miles). In addition to FS high clearance roads, there are 972 miles of user-created OHV roads that are currently open and suitable for all vehicle classes.

The Lassen has 312 miles of groomed snowmobile trails and 78 miles of un-groomed trails. Unless closed to motor vehicle use, most of the Forest is also open to cross-country travel by snowmobilers. The Forest's OSV program and trail system is one of the largest in California, if not the largest.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-LA-74	11/19/2003	09/30/2005	\$57,000	Y	Staffing shortage in engineerig dept. delayed project implementation	99
OR-2-LA-77	10/17/2003	09/30/2004	\$15,000	N		100
OR-2-LA-77	11/19/2003	06/30/2005	\$91,000	Y	Extended to cover delay in receipt of next year's agreement and to expend all funds in OR-2-LA-78.	100
OR-2-LA-81	12/30/2004	01/31/2006	\$12,000	N		30
OR-2-LA-83	12/30/2004	01/31/2006	\$25,000	N		100
OR-2-LA-88	05/08/2006	07/23/2007	\$32,250	N		73
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$214,184	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					10	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
X	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
X	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.				
<p>Forest Service law enforcement officers, forest protection officers, and recreation officers patrol OHV roads and areas on a daily basis. Stake outs of on-going problem areas occur to apprehend violators. Late night patrols occur when there is a full moon since a pattern of riding in closed areas has already been established. Carsonite "no motorized vehicle" signs are immediately posted when OHV or OSV tracks are noticed in vehicle closure areas and where resource damage has occurred in meadows or other sensitive areas. Tracks into these areas are covered and disguised with brush, logs and rocks to deter continued riding. If violators are apprehended, they are directed to restore the damage. New releases are regularly sent to all local and valley papers with photos of resource damage to advise the public against traveling off road. Private landowners are informed when tracks from national forest land lead into their property. The Forest Service works with landowners to determine if the public has permission to pass or if they are trespassing. If the intrusion is not welcome, Forest staff post Carsonite signs and attempt to block further access with the landowner's concurrence. Tread Lightly and other educational signs are posted at OHV trailheads. We also rely on volunteers and concerned users to inform us when damage occurs or vehicle intrusions are noticed. Each year, Forest Service staff make several presentations at OHV and OSV club meetings. We use these opportunities to reinforce the Tread Lightly message and to enlist their cooperation through self-monitoring.</p>				

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.				
<p>Information concerning safe and responsible OHV recreation is posted on the kiosk at the High Lakes trailhead. The Lassen National Forest maintains a website with detailed maps displaying roads and trails that are open for OHV travel and what the vehicle class is. These maps may be downloaded on any home computer system. The Forest's winter recreation map shows our extensive system of snowmobile and cross-country ski trails with advisories on safe, responsible riding. Basic survival information is also described. This map is available at no charge to the public. The Forest uses new releases to promote the Tread Lightly message and reduce the resource damage that occurs from off-road riding. This same information is provided at all public OHV/OSV meetings conducted by the Forest Service or when employees are invited to OHV/OSV club meetings. Information on responsible riding is distributed at our local county fairs and at OHV dealerships.</p>				

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify):	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>The road de-commissioning & estuary restoration projects are for habitat enhancement and sediment control.</p> <p>Sensitive plant floristic surveys are conducted the spring prior to ground disturbance. Any detected TES plants are flagged to avoid. Validation monitoring is conducted during contract work. Any weed infestations are noted and mitigated. Weed free certified mulches and native plant seed is used on site for re-vegetation.</p> <p>Limited Operating Periods (LOPs) are required for protection of active TES bird nesting areas (bald eagle, CA spotted owl, northern goshawk). Spring surveys confirm whether LOPs are necessary for any active nest sites, follow-up surveys are required to lift an LOP.</p> <p>Protection to aquatic habitats is provided by Regional soil and water BMPs which require on sites erosion controls to prevent soil movement during winter or spring run offs and minimize sedimentation while re-vegetation is occurring.</p> <p>Heritage sites are flagged to avoid during project activities. Validation monitoring is conducted during implementation to assure sites are protected.</p>				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
No sound level testing is conducted on the Lassen NF at this time.				
Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b.	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c. X	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Los Padres National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>384.25</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	5	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

The LPNF has 565 miles of designated OHV routes providing a range of skill level difficulty including novice, intermediate, advanced, and expert. All ratings are indicated on OHV guide maps (copies enclosed), as well as on route signs in the field (please see Form M - Scheduled sign maintenance items). This variety of opportunity is provided across the forest rather than in one concentrated area in compliance with our Land Management Plan direction for OHV recreation management. OHV riding is available 12 months a year with limited area seasonal closures enforced at higher elevation when soil moisture exceeds permissible motorized vehicle use. Short duration closures also occur at wet river fords during high water periods. Types of OHV activity available includes 4WD, ATV, Motorcycle (legal, green, red as appropriate), and passenger vehicle access on unpaved routes (please see Form D for reference documents list). In addition to routes, numerous campgrounds, trailheads, and day use areas are operated and maintained by the forest to provide additional services to the OHV recreating public. Services include (but are not limited to) restrooms, or porta-potties, picnic tables, fire rings, trash cans and/or trash service in locations identified in Form K5 and the Facility Operations and Maintenance Project Description of this application.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for all Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-LP-84	10/01/2001	02/28/2005	\$666,000	Y	Extention and rescope requests to allow expenditures by PSW Regional Coordinator and LPNF. Very complicated file history - please see grant file for details. Forest file is at Supervisors Office in Goleta, CA.	100
OR-2-LP-90	10/01/2003	06/30/2005	\$100,000	N		100
OR-2-LP-91	10/01/2003	06/30/2005	\$116,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$497,619	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					35	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.				
<p>A comprehensive system of maintained signing, and patrol frequency addresses the potential for intrusion into areas of concern such as wilderness, private property trespass, and/or sensitive/closed areas. Closed areas such as fire closures, rehab closures, and seasonal closures are signed and accompanied by a forest order as appropriate. Copies of such closure documents are available at the district offices upon request. Prevention of intrusion begins with a solid signing program on the ground as well as a designated route system - both of which the LPNF has had for over 20 years. Maintenance of signs and barriers ensures the riding public is informed of appropriate riding areas/routes. Patrols across the forest focus attention on areas of concern and/or recurring law enforcement concerns (please see Form 6, and the Law Enforcement project description of this application for complete details). Current patrol levels are approximately 3 times a week with focused patrols on holidays, and weekends to areas of concern. Public contacts by patrols in the field include a "tread lightly" message as well as citations as appropriate. OHV guides have been developed for the two most developed OHV districts which provide environmental messages, as well as "right rider" information. These are free to the public and carried by all ranger stations and field going personnel. Paper copies of these guides along with the forest recreation map are enclosed for reference purposes. The program also concentrates on maintenance of existing wire fences, cable barriers, rock barriers, and construction of new barriers as needed when an educational approach is insufficient (please see WHPP for further adaptive management strategies used by the LPNF).</p>				
Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
X	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

The LPNF Management Plan provides direction "to work collaboratively with the OHV community and others to provide quality OHV opportunities".

Education and outreach objectives focus on environmental ethics that lead to responsible OHV operation resulting in the conservation of natural and cultural resources; knowledge of safety equipment and safe operations of OHV; trail etiquette (trail manners); compliance with required equipment and registration, including sound testing, and inspection of spark arresters and vehicle registration; compliance with vehicle route designations, such as ensuring visitors only operate OHVs on trails designated for a particular type of vehicle; and compliance with special closures and demonstrating respect for private property owners in the vicinity of OHV opportunities.

Methods of program delivery include maps, brochures, and information kiosks in heavily used OHV areas such as Pozo/La Panza, Rockfront, Buckhorn, Alamo Mountain, Grade Valley, and Ballinger Canyon describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices. LPNF personnel attend trade shows in the Los Angeles and Ventura areas to provide maps and brochures (average 2000 copies annually). Local festivals such as the Lilac Festival and Fiesta Days in Frazier Park area, Santa Maria Fair, and the annual Oceano Dunes Beach Race are attended on a regular basis, and uniformed field rangers at trailheads and riding on OHV routes meet directly with OHV enthusiasts.

LPNF representatives regularly attend community-sponsored OHV meeting on a quarterly basis attended by CORVA, Ventura County Motorcycle Club, and CTUC representative just to name a few partners.

News releases are used on a regular basis to emphasize area closures, grant application availability, and any other newsworthy related items.

The forest's webpage at www.fs.fed.us/r5/lospadres/recreation/ohv contains outreach and educational content including environmental ethics, safety, and compliance with regulations. Copies of brochures, maps, web page information, news releases, etc are available at district and/or forest offices upon request.

Additionally, all special use recreation event permits and/or outfitter guide permits issued to motorized activities (i.e. jeep tours, enduro events) included requirements for complying with all natural resource and operator laws and regulations to include responsible riding ethics.

Please see Form K7 and the OHV Safety and Education Project Description for information on how we propose to expand our education/outreach efforts into the local communities.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
X	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
X	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
X	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
X	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards	X	Other (specify): <u>Personal Field Contacts</u>	
	CDs		Television	
X	Community meetings		Parades	
X	OHV Dealers		Radio	
X	Fairs	X	School Programs	
X	News Releases	X	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>Please see the WHPP/HMP provided in this application for complete details on species management and habitat protection. In addition, please see the Soil Conservation Program for complete listing of the Best Management Practices impacting habitat preservation on the forest in areas of OHV recreation.</p>				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur. WHPP/HMP and Soil Condition Program documents support statements.
8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
<p>The sound level testing program is currently on a voluntary basis year round with the exception of permitted events such as enduro rides and touring permittees which have mandatory sound testing in order for riders to participate in an event and/or tour. Personnel are trained in proper testing techniques (training certificates available upon request), and equipment is maintained and available at every ranger station.</p>				

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
X	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Mendocino National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>104.46</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	4	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

After 26 years of successfully competing for and implementing State OHV grant assistance, the Mendocino National Forest (MNF) maintains a reputation for providing exceptional year-round designated routes and staging areas for all types of wheeled off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation. Over the snow (OSV) opportunities exist, but are limited because few roads are plowed above the snowline. There are currently 170 miles of motorcycle, 112 miles of ATV and 187 miles of 4WD/Dunebuggy routes located within the 200,000 acre OHV emphasis area of the Forest (INFRA OHV trail inventory). In addition, 1,152 miles of roughly graded “level-2” Forest roads are open and available providing an “easiest” skill level rating for both street legal and green/red sticker vehicle use Forest-wide (INFRA Roads Inventory). A total of 98 designated OHV trails provide 218 miles of varying degrees of difficulty including 44 miles of “easiest,” 147 miles of “more difficult” and 43 miles of “most difficult.” State-of-the-art OHV maps available at all MNF administrative sites, by mail or from patrol units, include skill level ratings identified by map symbology. Each designated OHV route is posted on the ground at the termini and junctions with fiberglass vertical route delineators displaying decals. The decals identify the route number, type of vehicle(s) recommended for use (symbols) and the degree of difficulty rating for each type of vehicle (Motorcycle, ATV, 4x4). Level 2 roads are also identified with fiberglass delineators displaying a vertical route number and decal symbols of an ATV and Jeep to indicate suitability for high-clearance vehicles only. A third decal of a sedan with a cautionary yellow slash indicates low clearance vehicles are not recommended on these “unimproved” roads.

The MNF offers two designated “open” riding opportunities. The “Nail Track OHV Play Area” on the Grindstone RD offers nine acres of banked turns, jumps and flat-tracking opportunities in the Fouts Springs Staging Area. Middle Creek Staging area on the Upper Lake District offers one acre of designated flat-track and jump opportunities geared toward novice riders.

The “Mendocino Corridor” is a State OHV grant assisted partnership consisting of a designated east/west OHV route bisecting the Forest’s south end, connecting the Fouts Springs OHV Staging Area on the Grindstone RD with the Middle Creek Staging Area on the Upper Lake RD. This 42 mile scenic corridor provides a link between these two popular areas and is suitable for both street legal and non-street legal, high-clearance vehicles. Numerous OHV trail opportunities are available along this route providing challenges for a variety of vehicle types and skill levels.

The “California Backcountry Discovery Trail” (CBDT) was designated in 1995 as a segment of the conceptual “Statewide Motorized Trail System” envisioned to provide an OHV legal route the length of California from Mexico to Oregon. This 102 mile route running through the west side of the Forest includes 13 “Discovery Points” interpreting unique or scenic locations. The CBDT is intended to provide a true backcountry experience to operators of OHVs and other high-clearance vehicles traveling this “easiest” rated route.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE						
Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for <u>all</u> Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.						
Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-ME-53	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$171,000	N		100
OR-2-ME-54	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$147,400	N		100
OR-2-ME-55	01/23/2006	07/23/2007	\$136,400	N		100
OR-2-ME-50	11/01/2004	09/30/2006	\$276,000	N		100
OR-2-ME-51	11/01/2004	09/30/2006	\$70,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$992,294	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					80	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

This funding request will sustain a strong, professional law enforcement patrol presence to prevent OHV intrusions into areas where such use is illegal or constitutes a trespass. Patrol strategy includes the use of high visibility, saturation patrols, extended/night shifts and aerial surveillance when available. In addition, requested funding will ensure that free, state-of-the-art OHV visitor guide maps are available and continue all visitor information media designed to promote legal operation of OHVs. As a result of past LE funding support, the occurrence of intrusions, illegal off-route travel, hill climbs and other OHV violations are becoming less apparent on the Mendocino National Forest (MNF) every year in spite of increasing use.

OHV related intrusions and trespasses detected on the MNF are considered serious, high priority issues. Currently there are 33 established "Law Enforcement" monitoring locations identified in OHV sensitive portions of the Forest. All selected sites are located on "Law Enforcement Activities Maps" submitted as base-line data in the 2005-2006 LE grant request. These locations are scheduled to receive stepped-up LE patrols in an effort to deter potential motorized intrusion into special status, permanent or seasonally closed and restricted areas of the Forest including privately owned lands.

Intrusion monitoring locations include wilderness trailheads, Natural Research Areas, sensitive habitat zones and cultural resource sites. The Forest gained 95,000 acres of designated wilderness area and "Wild and Scenic River" corridor in the 2007 "Northern California Coastal Wild Heritage Wilderness Act HR233." These lands include the new Yuki and Sanhedrin Wilderness Areas and annexes to the existing Snow Mountain and Yolla Bolly Wilderness Areas. Full-funding will continue effective LE monitoring, emphasizing the prevention of OHV intrusions in all existing and newly designated wilderness areas.

LE Patrols are intended to contact and advise operators of motorcycles, ATVs and mountain bikes observed in the vicinity of wilderness trailheads, proactively averting potential intrusions. OHV violators apprehended in a designated wilderness area receive a violation notice that requires a mandatory court appearance and are prosecuted to the full extent of the law; including restitution charges if resource damage has resulted.

Areas with a history of intrusions have been effectively signed, gated or permanently barricaded to prevent vehicular intrusions. OHV trespass impacting in-holdings or adjacent private lands are occasionally detected and reported. The concerns of private landowners are typically mitigated through proactive measures including extra patrol, signage, gates, fencing or barriers to prevent any possibility of future trespass.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

OHV technicians, Forest Protection Officers (FPOs) and Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) patrolling with 4WDs or OHVs provide effective, direct interaction promoting public education and outreach related to the responsible use of OHVs on public lands. Requested funding assistance will allow the Forest to sustain this key component of overall OHV management. In addition to experienced law enforcement personnel, the MNF fields recreation technicians and staffs administrative sites with trained personnel who are well informed regarding OHV recreation opportunities and operating requirements.

To best meet Forest OHV law enforcement education and outreach objectives, LEO time identified in this application (10 pay periods-Grindstone District, 10 pay periods-Upper Lake District) combined with FPO and Recreation Technician coverage should provide adequate base-level coverage ensuring effective LE coverage Forest-wide.

OHV related maps, brochures, kiosks and sign panels are located within every OHV staging area and at trailheads, administrative sites and entry points leading into the Forest. Additional updated information regarding operating conditions and safety is posted on the MNF website (www.fs.fed.us/r5/mendocino). Information is also available by phone with recorded messages providing reports on current conditions or closures and voice mail capability for call-back purposes.

The Forest has hosted numerous OHV educational workshops including other agency OHV personnel. This instruction has included hands-on training in trail construction and maintenance, staging area design, restoration techniques and OHV law enforcement. Due to expertise in sound level compliance, "master-performers" from the MNF have been requested by the OHMVR Division to train LE staff and volunteers at Carnegie and Prairie City State Vehicle Recreation Areas. Most recently the Forest provided sound enforcement training for the Stanislaus National Forest FPO annual refresher course, June 07. In addition, The Forest routinely supports and assists with pre-event OHV noise clinics partnered with the Blue Ribbon Coalition, FMF Industries and the Colusa County Sheriffs Office.

Motorcycle Safety Foundation and Specialty Vehicle Institute of America safety training for adults and children has been hosted several times in recent years utilizing the Nail Track play and training area at the Fouts Springs OHV Staging Area and the "open" novice riding area at the Middle Creek OHV Staging Area. Recently, an OHV etiquette and conservation training for young riders was added to this program during a day-long workshop sponsored by Escarabajo Buggy Club, California Off-Road Association, and Tread Lightly! Other Forest hosted educational OHV programs designed specifically to educate grammar school students in OHV etiquette have included "The Web of Life" and "The Story of Lightfoot" the TL! mascot, presented by TL! and the public information director of the Hummer Division of General Motors.

The MNF continues to provide public information, education and outreach by staffing booths at local county fairs to promote responsible OHV use on public lands. The Forest also proactively puts out press releases stressing OHV restrictions, rules and etiquette prior to hunting seasons.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): Scoping letter to mailing list	
	CDs		Television	
	Community meetings		Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers		Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

In addition to the monitoring process associated with current OHMVR Regulations, the Aquatic Conservation Strategy Objectives in the MNF Land and Resource Management Plan are required to protect and enhance the viability of species in areas of OHV activity. This is accomplished using Forest Service Best Management Practices (BMPs). These practices are designed to provide site-specific methods and techniques to protect water quality from nonpoint pollution sources. In Section 12.42-7 of the BMPs, water quality monitoring specific to OHV use is addressed. Since 2004, the MNF Hydrologist and OHV staff has been working as a team with other Region 5 specialists to develop a new Region 5 BMP and associated BMP evaluation plan monitoring protocol for OHV related activities that is consistent with the Red/Yellow/Green trail rating forms currently being used as the standard. The draft BMP titled "Protection of Water Quality and Aquatic Features from OHV Activities" is primarily accomplished through two methods:

- Proper design, location, and maintenance of OHV facilities. The design, location, and maintenance of OHV routes is the result of specific trail management objectives developed for each OHV trail by a number of resource specialists.
- Monitoring OHV activities in order to detect existing and likely future impacts to water quality and aquatic features. If impacts exist or are likely to occur, appropriate corrective measures would be implemented.

A draft On-Site Evaluation Form has been developed for this new BMP, but has not been adopted for use at this time.

In addition to implementing BMPs, the MNF has adopted and adheres to more specific standards and guideline protocols for OHV trail maintenance and construction developed under contract with the Forest Service-Region 5. These S&Gs are contained in a report approved, adopted and released in late 2001. The title of this document is "A Field Evaluation of the Use of Small Trail Tractors to Maintain and Construct OHV Trails on National Forests in California" prepared by Roger Poff, retired USFS Soils Scientist.

Since 2004, the Grindstone District OHV Manager has served on the Consulting Agency Review Committee (CARC) as a technical advisor. This interdisciplinary team has been formed to establish the California State Parks Soil Conservation Guidelines/Standards for OHV Recreation Management. Working with the Contractor (California Geologic Survey) for this project, CARC has developed and approved a final draft of this document that now awaits public review.

(Check all that apply.)

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| X | OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting |
| X | Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present |

Scoring: 1 point each

Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
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8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.

Full funding will assure professional training and qualifying of law enforcement personnel continues in order to emphasize OHV sound level testing as well as spark arrestor and registration enforcement. The Forest maintains an inventory of seven top-of-the-line, Quest Type-1 decibel meters sufficient to outfit all LEOs and most FPOs with the tools to provide a high level of OHV noise enforcement capability.

Since the passage of (AB-2274) which lowered the legal decibel level from 101 to 96 db for motorcycles and ATVs as of January 1, 2003, the Forest has been concentrating its LE efforts on informing and educating OHV visitors. Prior to the passage of this law, information and education was heavily emphasized during several scheduled "sound clinics" and during OHV enduro events in an effort to allow OHV visitors sufficient time to ensure that their machines were compliant with the law before it went into effect.

Since June 2001, the Forest has conducted sound checks on thousands of motorcycles and ATVs being operated on the Forest. All LEOs and FPOs who use sound meters have been trained and certified in the use of this "high-tech" equipment to professionally enforce OHV noise law. To date, the Forest has conducted comprehensive sound enforcement checks during 20 organized motorcycle enduro event technical inspections and hosted 15 formal courtesy sound-check workshops with the assistance of the Blue Ribbon Coalition and FMF Corporation. In addition, hundreds of routine and visitor requested sound tests have been administered since 2001.

By offering expert advice and distributing up-to-date handouts related to the latest noise reduction products and methods, the Forest is achieving sound compliance objectives. OHV visitor feedback, including responses documented on Forest Service "Customer Comment Cards" have provided feedback proving this approach to sound enforcement is achieving the desired result and is viewed by our visitors as a positive and reasonable LE contact. It has become very common for noise violators to return to the Forest on their next visit sporting new, legal exhaust systems or after-market equipment that complies with the current noise law.

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.

a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
X	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Pacific Southwest Region	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>5.45</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> The top fifth receives (5 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The second fifth receives (4 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The third fifth receives (3 points) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The fourth fifth receives (2 points) <input type="checkbox"/> The last fifth receives (1 point)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	2	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
X	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
X	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
X	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
X	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity				
In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.				
<p>The National Forests within the Pacific Southwest Region - California, provide for a wide range of motorized recreation opportunities (motorcycles, all-terrain vehicles, high-clearance four-wheel drives, sport utility vehicles, dune buggies, snowmobiles) and skill levels (Beginner, Novice, Intermediate, Advanced, Expert) throughout the entire year (12 months). In addition, each National Forest provides campgrounds, staging areas, restroom facilities, and trailheads which are either available for motorized recreationists to use or are designed specifically for their use.</p>				

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE						
Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for <u>all</u> Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.						
Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-SW-24	10/1/2003	12/5/2006	\$966	N		100
OR-2-SW-23	10/1/2003	12/5/2006	\$2,000,000	N		100
OR-2-SW-24	10/1/2003	12/5/2006	\$966,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$2,966,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					75	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
<p>5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.</p> <p>The protection of resources is inherent to the U.S. Forest Service mission and core values on National Forest System (NFS) Lands. As such, the agency has policy (see USFS Manual & Handbook-2300), the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR's, section 200 to 299) and each Forest's Land and Resource Management Plan to provide stewardship and management of these lands. The CFR's provide specific prohibitions(section 261), tied to bail schedules, and the ability to issue Forest Supervisor's Orders to guard against sensitive area, closed area, and Wilderness Intrusions. In addition, the region publishes Wilderness Area Maps and Forest Recreation Maps which include information relevant to motorized travel on a given forest. Many Forests also provide an OHV specific guide map for motorized recreationists (winter & summer). The National Forests generally provide an open environment utilizing five to seven day a week patrols, brochures (ROG's) signs, maps, "tread lightly" and "leave no trace" programs to prevent intrusions. In extreme cases barriers will be used to protect resources.</p>				

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
X	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	10	Division Findings	0	The narrative does not mention the site is designed to prevent intrusion.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	5	The narrative does mention "5-7 day a week patrols".
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	5	The narrative does mention Barriers/signing, education programs, and brochures.
6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.				
<p>The USFS Pacific Southwest Region has a broad program of education and outreach to ensure OHV use is safe for users and is done in a manner that prevents resource damage. Maps and brochures and provided to visitors at the Regional Office, Forest Supervisor's Offices, District Offices, and Visitor's Centers describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices. Brochures include Tread Lightly, Leave No Trace, and various brochures from the California Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division. Forest OHV-specific guide maps and Recreation Opportunity Guides (ROGs) include information about areas appropriate for safe OHV recreation for various skill levels, as well as information about responsible OHV recreational practices to prevent resource damage. Brochures, posters, and other information regarding safe and responsible OHV Recreation are posted on bulletin boards and kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, visitor's centers, and forest service offices throughout each National Forest. Education talks on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices are given as requested to various public groups by Forest Service employees and volunteers. In addition, forest service patrollers talk one-on-one with forest OHV users regarding safe and responsible OHV practices. The USFS Pacific Southwest Region website contains information regarding Leave No Trace, outdoor safety, and other safe and responsible recreational practices.</p>				

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): <u>On site one on one communication with</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/>	CDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>Each National Forest in California has a "Forest Land and Resource Management Plan" (see R5 Forests FLRMP's) which contains specific standards and guides (S&G's) for the management of that Forest within a given management area. The S&G's contain specific protection measures to maintain natural resources during management activities, including OHV related activities (projects). The types of protections measures are buffers, limiting distances, and limited operating periods. In addition the U.S. Forest Service follows the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, The Noxious Weed Act (see individual acts) and the Code of Federal Regulations [(CFR's) Title 36, Parts 219, 241,] as well as "The Principle Laws Relating To Forest Service Activities", BMP's for water quality management, and manual and handbook direction for motorized recreation.</p>				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
<p>The Pacific Southwest Region follows the California State Vehicle Code (particularly sections 38365, 38366(a), 27150(a & b), 38370, and 38370(h)(1) and Code of Federal Regulations Title 36, Part 261.15 (d). The agency has also had a partnership, to purchase sound testing equipment for field units, with the Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division through the cooperative Agreements program. Several years ago the OHMVR Division helped the agency purchase sound meters and conduct training. These meters are now used by trained USFS Law Enforcement personnel and Forest Protection Officers throughout the state to conduct sound level testing (see all USFS Forest Applications submitted in 2007, see LE Plans submitted between 2003 - 2005). Many of the OHV guide maps provide educational information associated with soundtesting. In addition, the agency has a partnership and Volunteer Agreement with Blue Ribbon Coalition to conduct sound testing during OHV events and works with the clubs promoting enduro events to ensure their members and participants are abiding by the state sound requirements.</p>				
Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Plumas National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>0.30</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	1	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

The Plumas National Forest has existing OHV/OSV skill opportunities for the basic beginner to the most advanced riders. These varied opportunities exist for both our summer OHV as well as our winter OSV programs. OHV/OSV users can virtually ride from hours to days with overnight trips at the 4x4 camps or snowmobile to warming huts that are established across the forest and shown on our maps. As displayed on the forest maps the Plumas opportunity is very diverse offering, solitude for riders through various types of vegetation over a variety of topography with numerous loops, scenic opportunities, mix of trails, links to communities with services, as well as links to historical sites. The dispersal factor for riders is huge due to the high mileage over many acres which offers a high quality experience. The general OHV forest wide season is 6-8 months and covers approximately 545,000 thousand acres, with some areas open year around, while the OSV program is about 4-6 months depending on snowfall and covers about 600,000 acres. Specific types of OHV/OSV opportunities are available for the following types of equipment; 4x4 jeeps and pickups, quads (both wheeled and tracked), side by side utility vehicles, single track dirt bikes, sand rails, and snowmobiles.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for all Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-P-74	01/01/2006	7/23/2007	\$54,700	N		100
OR-2-P-73	12/31/2006	7/23/2007	\$54,750	N		100
OR-2-P-74	01/23/2006	7/23/2007	\$24,700	N		100
OR-2-P-74	01/23/2006	7/23/2007	\$24,700	N		100
OR-2-P-73	12/31/2006	7/23/2007	\$54,750	N		100
OR-2-P-76	01/23/2006	08/10/2007	\$314,000	N		10
OR-2-P-72	12/03/2004	07/15/2007	\$700,000	Y	All deliverable were completed during 2007, there was a remaining 200,000 left, we asked for additional roads to be added to help complete restoration work.	28
OR-2-P-69	11/01/2004	07/15/2007	\$50,000	Y	Work was mostly completed in 2007, drainage probably arose due to lack of snow, and not being able to groom, trail needs to be monitored to see how drainage will operate during a heavy winter	28
OR-2-P-69	11/01/2004	07/15/2007	\$50,000	Y	Work was 80% completed in 2007, drainage and grooming problems arose due to lack of snow. Trail needs to be monitored to see how drainage will operate during a heavy winter	80
OR-2-P-74	01/23/2006	7/23/2007	\$24,700	Y	Extension was granted to allow 5 additional months to complete trail maintenance. Trail maintenance was not completed due to winter storm damage work having priority.	80
OR-2-P-73	12/31/2006	7/23/2007	\$54,750	N		100

OR-2-P-7 2	12/03/2004	07/15/2007	\$700,000	Y	All deliverables were completed during 2007, there was approximately \$200,000 remaining. The Plumas requested an extension to accomplish additional miles of road restoration, this request was approved by the OHV Division.	71
OR-2-P-7 0	11/1/2004	1/23/2006	\$71,000	N		100
OR-2-P-7 3	12/31/2006	7/23/2007	\$54,750	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$500,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					30	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)				
90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)				
80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)				
10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)				
11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)				
X 26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)				
More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)				
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.				
The Plumas National Forest has actively prevented intrusions into sensitive or closed areas by education, patrolling, signing and placing of barriers using native material such as rocks or logs. Plumas NF employees responsible for OHV/OSV deliverable are in the field at various times 7 days a week. Trailheads, and heavily used areas are signed with appropriate information posted on information boards (signs are printed on re-cycled paper). The Plumas NF encourage and instructs all employees who are field going to help patrol, educate visitors and provide them with appropriate information on damage caused by entering areas that are closed or are damaged by OHV use. We have employees that are solely dedicated to patrolling, and education of OHV users. Our program has proven effective in that no intrusions into the Bucks Lake Wilderness were reported during 2006.				
Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.				
Since 2003 until present the Plumas National Forest has been actively engaged with the State of California, OHV Division, to designate OHV routes for its users. Part of this process is to educate users about damage to routes caused by ATV's, areas available for riding, proper safety and compliance with laws and regulations. The forest has held 30 public meetings to explain the route designation process and actively promote OHV use on the Plumas. Six of these meetings were field trips that included information on map and compass reading and safety while riding. All Plumas NF employee while on patrol greet OHV users, and educate them on OHV use, provide information, maps, and answer any questions, and issue citations when violations occur.				

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): <u>Public Meeting, Route Designation</u>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	CDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			
<p>There are no known Special Status Species located on the Plumas. Heritage Resources on the Plumas National Forest reflect up to 8,000 years of human history. The Forest's National Historic Preservation Act, Section 110 Plan, indicates that approximately 50% of the Forest has been inventoried for cultural resources, and over 4,200 sites have been documented. National Register of Historic Places eligibility determinations have been completed for approximately 500 of these sites, and roughly 150 have been determined eligible. One site, the Lake's Basin Petroglyph complex, has been listed to the National Register, and is protected from all forms of impact. All cultural resource sites are protected from OHV impacts by exclusion areas or fencing or closing and re-routing of trails when cultural resources are known to occur.</p>				

No (answer items b and c)				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	0	The narrative supplied contradicts the WHPP/HMP documents.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
Yes (5 points)				
No (no score)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>All BMP guidelines are reviewed prior to project initiation to determine which are applicable and how they shall be implemented. Guidelines are kept on file at the Plumas National Forest Headquarters as well as found online at: http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/publications/water_resources/waterquality/water-best-mgmt.pdf</p> <p>The Plumas National Forest implements Best Management Practices as outlined in USDA, Forest Service, Water Quality Management for Forest System Lands in California, September 2000.</p> <p>This guide documents the practices and procedures, which are the structure of the water quality management program for the Pacific Southwest Region (California). It describes each Best Management Practice (BMP) to be used to protect water quality on National Forest System Lands (NFS) within the State of California. It represents the State of California's Nonpoint Source Management Plan.</p> <p>The practices, procedure and program are in conformance with, and comply with the provisions and requirements of Sections 208 and 319 of the Federal Clean Water Act (PL92-500) and the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (g) guidance for the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendment. They are also within the guidelines of the Water Quality Control Board (Basin Plans) developed by the nine RWQCB in the State of California.</p> <p>Best Management Practices are implemented for all OHV trail maintenance, reconstruction, and construction. The objective for implementing BMP guides is to protect aquatic species as well as all plant and animal species that depend upon vegetation from soil and water erosion.</p> <p>Included in the BMP's but not limited to are specific objectives for "Road and Trail Slope Stabilization, Control of Road and Trail drainage, timely Erosion Control measures, Control of Side cast, Road and Trail culvert installation guides, Maintenance of Toads and Trails, Road and Surface treatments to prevent loss of materials, Obliteration or Decommissioning of roads or trails".</p>				

(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p> <p>Currently the Plumas NF does not provide sound testing. The forest does not have the equipment or the personnel to perform this task. The Plumas NF through education during patrols mentions to the public about noise control and spark arrestor checks and encourage them to do voluntary sound compliance.</p>

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b.	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c. X	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS San Bernardino National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>264.07</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	4	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

The San Bernardino National Forest offers a designated OHV road and trail system. There are no open areas on the Forest. The Forest offers 42 miles of 24-50" trails with an additional 169 miles of forest roads available for green sticker/red sticker use. In addition there are 734 miles of level 2 roads open to SUV/4WD use - 104 miles of which are 4WD routes. The system offers ample opportunity for enthusiasts of all experience levels including novice, intermediate, and expert. Trails are rated by difficulty, and are signed easiest, more difficult, or most difficult. Due to the mild climate, OHV riding opportunities exist year round. A wide variety of vehicle types including dual sport motorcycles, dirt bikes (red & green sticker), ATVs, and 4WD/SUVs use the 4WD and green sticker/red sticker designated route system.

The Forest offers two year-round staging areas, eight parking/trailering sites, and three year-round, full-service developed campgrounds with direct access to the OHV system. Four OHV work centers assist in fielding the 200+ member San Bernardino National Forest Association (SBNFA) OHV Volunteer patrols, 48 active Adopt-a-Trail groups and forest staff.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)		
X	3-more (5 points)		
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5
Concur.			

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)		
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)		
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2
Concur.			

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)		
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)		
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)		
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3
Concur.			

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-SB-82	12/03/2004	6/30/2006	\$240,000	Y	Project extension was requested and granted due to delays in program accomplishment caused by staff turnover, hiring delays, reassignment of the forest grant manager and wildfire response.	100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$1,009,183	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					20	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
X	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
X	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
X	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

Regulatory signs and barriers are installed and maintained across the Forest to direct OHV users away from unclassified routes, sensitive habitats, cultural and historic resources, and restoration sites. Designated Vehicle Route signs (DVRs) are also installed on all legally designated roads and trails. All maps, kiosks, trailhead signs and brochures reference these signs, alerting users that travel is restricted to designated routes only. (see Forest OHV Guide, available at SO and all Ranger Districts).

Closed areas and restoration sites are enforced with gates, fencing and/or barricades, and are signed to alert the public to the reason of closure. Closures are supported by the appropriate level of NEPA and by Forest Order. (see `Decision Memo for Habitat Protection`, available at Supervisor's Office, Recreation). Restoration sites are routinely monitored by resource specialists for success of revegetation and to insure intrusions do not continue.

Each District is assigned an OHV liaison responsible for routine patrol of all OHV opportunity on the District. Patrols are conducted 5 days weekly, predominantly on weekends and holidays, weather permitting. Please see attached law enforcement application for patrol schedule. Closure violations and resource damage are cited. Law enforcement is also supported by the San Bernardino National Forest Association (SBNFA) OHV Volunteers who provide nearly thirty thousand hours of OHV patrol annually. The OHV Volunteers are trained to recognize illegal use. They carry forest radios and are expected to contact authorities when witness to illegal activity. OHV Volunteers are also trained to recognize off-route impacts and resource damage. The Volunteers report and record all off-route impacts to program management and often are able to immediately mitigate continued impacts by disguising off-route wheel-tracks and `slashing` to hide newly developing social trails. Volunteer hours and accomplishments are available for review at the Big Bear Discovery Center or at the Supervisor's Office, Recreation.

The Forest also, through Challenge Cost Share Agreement, supports the SBNFA's OHV Education Outreach Program. Through print media, radio PSAs, in school curriculum, special events, fliers and handouts, it is estimated the program reaches 12 million persons annually with `Stay on the Trail` messages and other information encouraging responsible use. Program materials and accomplishments of the SBNFA Education Outreach program are available for review at the Big Bear Discovery Center.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

The San Bernardino National Forest accomplishes much of its OHV Education Outreach program through partnership with the San Bernardino National Forest Association (SBNFA). The SBNFA Education Outreach program consists primarily of three components; an OHV/recreation 'in school' education curriculum, public outreach and education through PSAs, special events and media, and partnerships with off-highway vehicle dealers. The purpose of such a program, as defined in their mission statement, is "to deliver an outreach program emphasizing ethics, safety, interpretive educational information and environmental stewardship to all public land visitors and community residents, with a primary focus on motorized recreation."

The educational curriculum is taught in schools and at public events with focus on environmental awareness and respect for public lands and other user groups. It focuses on such key issues as understanding environmental impact, the need to stay on the trail, and how to share public lands with others to avoid user conflict.

Public outreach and education is also accomplished through regular press-releases, public service announcements, magazine articles, mixed media (such as television and radio) and special events kiosks (such as sound-check booths), at which volunteers hand out maps, posters, cards and other informative materials. These efforts get needed OHV recreation information into the hands of the public so that they are aware of critical issues such as on-trail travel, noise, and safety.

Finally, through partnering with OHV dealers, information about safety, legal riding opportunities and land stewardship is provided to the OHV buyer at the time of the sale. This gets needed information into the OHV user's hands at the same time the vehicle is purchased, and makes it easier for new users to enjoy their vehicle safely and responsibly. This program is facilitated by volunteers and the costs are offset by dealer participation. This dealer outreach/partnership program is unique to Southern California and the San Bernardino National Forest through partnership with the San Bernardino National Forest Association. More information on the SBNFA OHV Program can be found at <http://www.sbnfa.org/ohvprograms.php>.

The Forest also actively supports OHV education and outreach through 'on Forest' programs such as; the Forest recreation website (<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/recreation/ohv/>), including OHV maps which are available via internet download (http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/documents/ohvmap_silverwood_bigpines.pdf) or via hardcopy, at no cost, at the Supervisor's Office, Big Bear Discovery Center (BBDC) and Ranger Districts.

All OHV trailheads on the Forest provide information kiosks complete with rules, regulations, maps and information regarding any local closures or restrictions. The Forest also provides free of cost a professionally printed OHV Guide for the Mountain Top and Front Country Districts. These are available at the Supervisor's Office, BBDC, and Ranger Districts, while SBNFA OHV Volunteers are also 'stocked' with these maps and routinely distribute them to visitors encountered in the field. The Forest OHV Guide is also included in the information package provided to new OHV buyers through the SBNFA dealer partnership program.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards		Other (specify):	
	CDs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings		Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

The forest implements a variety of management practices to ensure viability and protection of species. The WHPP/HMP, attached to this application, is implemented and updated annually to monitor impacts and protect all special-status species known to exist within proximity of OHV use. The WHPP/HMP identifies known locations of special-status species, results of quarterly monitoring of these locations and any management practices which may be recommended to improve and/or protect habitat impacted by OHV use. WHPP/HMP monitoring results are available for review at the Supervisor's Office, OHV Recreation. Results of the annual WHPP/HMP are also reviewed during monitoring of the Forest Land Management Plan, per protocol established in the Land Management Plan Monitoring Guide, viewable at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/documents/sbnf_imp_monitoring_v1.pdf>.

The forest also implements best management practices (BMPs) from 'Water Quality Management for Forest System Lands in California, Best Management Practices', including the following:

BMP 2-7, Control of Road Drainage

BMP 2-22, Maintenance of Roads

BMP 2-26, Obliteration or Decommissioning of Roads

BMP 2-28, Surface Erosion Control at Facility Sites

BMP 4-7(b4, b5, b6), Water Quality Monitoring of OHV Use According to a Developed Plan

BMP 5-1, Soil Disturbing Treatments (limits of)

BMP 5-4, Revegetation of Surface Disturbed Areas

BMP 5-6, Soil Moisture Limitations for Mechanical Equipment Operations

The Best Management Practices guide can be viewed at:

<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/publications/water_resources/waterquality/water-best-mgmt.pdf> and is also available at the Supervisor's Office, OHV Recreation.

These BMPs, and others, are reviewed and implemented by interdisciplinary staff during NEPA planning and analysis of all OHV related projects. OHV field staff are also trained in these BMPs and implement them during maintenance and conservation efforts where appropriate.

Species protection is also accomplished through implementation of the forest OHV Soil Conservation Plan. The Forest's overriding objective for soil conservation is to prevent any unacceptable loss of soil due to impacts from or associated with the use of OHVs; and when such impacts are observed, to return the impacted site to an acceptable condition at the earliest possible opportunity. Use of the 1991 Soil Loss Standards, analysis of baseline soils information, and a proactive soils monitoring program allow the Forest to meet soil conservation objectives in an environmentally responsible manner. Benefit to species and habitat is realized through watershed protection accomplished through implementation of the Soil Conservation Plan. Where unacceptable levels of soil loss may threaten watershed quality, these conditions are identified quickly, through quarterly monitoring, and can be corrected in a timely manner. The forest OHV Soil Conservation Plan is attached to this application. Monitoring results are available for review at the Supervisor's Office, Recreation.

(Check all that apply.)

	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present

Scoring: 1 point each

Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.
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8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
<p>The San Bernardino National Forest, through partnership with the San Bernardino National Forest Association (SBNFA) and California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC), regularly conducts voluntary sound testing at the Pinnacles Staging Area and other locations across the forest. Staffed primarily by volunteers, a cost-free sound testing station is operated from 10:00am to 3:00pm the first and third Sunday of each month and during holiday weekends and special events.</p> <p>The CTUC sound tests are conducted by state certified personnel and are strictly voluntary. Citations are not issued for non-compliance as the voluntary test area is considered by the forest a 'safe zone.' Non-compliant users who choose to leave the staging area and enter the forest, however, may be cited by forest service law enforcement or forest protection officers.</p> <p>Law enforcement records indicate that for the period between October 2004 and September 2005 (most recent available data), Forest LE Officers and Forest Protection Officers (FPOs) contacted 8,509 users regarding sound and issued 55 notices for violation of sound regulations. (see PAR report from applicant's 2007 OHMVRD application, available at Supervisor's Office, Recreation).</p>				
Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
X	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Sequoia National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>0.20</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	1	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

The Sequoia National Forest offers a variety of OHV opportunity. The season of OHV use is year round, including OSV use in the winter months. The Forest grooms a fair amount of roads each year for OSV use, paid in part with green sticker dollars. Within the Sequoia National Monument (located on the Hume Lake, Tule River, and Hot Springs Ranger Districts (RD), OHV use is limited to roads that permit mixed use. Outside of the Monument, each district provides OHV opportunity, especially the Kern River RD.

The Kern River RD provides a diverse and extensive OHV route system that offers riding opportunities for beginners, intermediate, and advanced riders. This Ranger District is known for its world renowned single track trails on the Kern Plateau. In addition, there are riding opportunities on the Piute, Greenhorn, and Breckenridge Mountains for ATV, motorcycle, four wheel drive vehicles, as well as OSVs. Access to these riding areas is demonstrated by publically available maps and signage marking trails with difficulty ratings. Maps and brochures displays rider difficulty ratings that are easy to understand.

On the OHV designated OHV system, all trails are signed at the beginning, at all intersections and at the end of each trail to denote degree of difficulty. Trail markings are colored with a green circle (easiest:recommended for beginners); blue rectangle (more difficult, recommended for intermediate and advanced riders); and black diamond (most difficult:recommended for advanced riders only). These signs are used on motorcycle single track trails, ATV routes and four-wheel drive trails.

OHV riders can access trails in the Lower and Upper Kern Canyon and around Lake Isabella year round. Higher elevation riding opportunities exist in the Piute Mountains, Kern Plateau, and Breckenridge Mountain areas and are accessible 8 months of the year. Elevations range from 2,500 feet in the Kern Canyon and rise to nearly 9,500 feet on the Kern Plateau.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-SE-63	01/23/06	07/23/07	\$188,250	N		100
C04V009	11/01/04	08/15/06	\$283,234	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$171,925	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					29	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.	

b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)				
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.	

c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?

<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)				
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)				
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.	

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.				
<p>Kern River Ranger District has 5 designated wilderness areas; Golden Trout, South Sierra, Domeland, Kiavah, and a portion of the Bright Star. OHV patrols routinely monitor and patrol (at least 5 days a week) the wilderness boundaries and closed routes to OHV use to ensure signs are posted and there is no intrusion. An information brochure has been developed for each wilderness to educate the public and address intrusion issues. On the Kern Plateau OHV guide brochure, wilderness areas are clearly marked for no motorized or mountain bike access.</p> <p>Cyrus Canyon OHV track at Lake Isabella is a completely fenced track facility with signed boundary markers to prevent intrusions onto adjacent BLM and private lands. Barriers and signs are used to direct riders on to the track and barriers are used to keep riders from hill climbing in the track area.</p> <p>KRRD has (2) research natural areas; Church Dome (Kern Plateau) and Long Canyon (Piutes); (5) botanical areas: Bald Mountain and Twisselman (Kern Plateau), Piute Cypress Grove and Inspiration Point (Piute Mountains), and Baker Point (Tule River/Hot Springs); and (1) Geologic special interest area: Pack Saddle (Upper Kern Canyon). OHV patrols and fire prevention technicians monitor and patrol at least 5 days a week to ensure there is no cross-country travel in these areas.</p> <p>KRRD has developed OHV/OSV information brochures for the Kern Plateau to address public intrusions onto private lands or wilderness areas. The winter OSV brochure provides a code of ethics regarding respect for public and private property, designated areas, trail use signs and established ski tracts.</p>				
Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
		Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)		
X		No (answer item b below)		
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X		Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)		
		Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)		
		Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)		
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X		Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)		
X		Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)		
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

Kern River RD has had a high quality education and outreach program for OHV users on the Kern Plateau (northern portion of the District) for several years. For over 10 years, the KRRD co-sponsored with CORVA, an annual volunteer trail maintenance project over Labor Day weekend. Over 100 volunteers would participate in the annual event to promote responsible, respectful land stewardship practices. Through this long-term volunteer partnership and successive outreach, the KRRD now has 25 successful major "Adopt-A-Trail" volunteer trail projects with 11 organizations and individuals that maintain nearly 200 miles of OHV system trails each year. The District has produced the popular OHV Guide brochure for Kern Plateau OHV system routes for user education on good land stewardship, trail ethics, rules and regulations. The brochure describes safe and responsible OHV recreational practices. Blackrock Visitor Information Station on the Plateau is a central information staging area receiving over 10,000 visitors each year. A seasonal information assistant is available 5 days a week to answer OHV related questions, provide informational OHV handouts and educate OHV users. KRRD has two district offices (Kernville and Lake Isabella) that provide OHV education/informational maps and handouts. OHV users are educated on respectful behaviors, consideration of other users in the area and that their actions reflect on all OHV users. Information concerning safe and responsible OHV recreation is posted on bulletin boards and kiosks at staging areas, campgrounds, trailheads and other areas where the public gathers on the Kern Plateau, Piute Mountains, Greenhorn Mountains, Lower Kern Canyon, Cyrus Canyon OHV track and around Lake Isabella. In the past, employees have participated in sportsmen's and recreation related fairs & conventions with OHV exhibits and displays for educational purposes. The District participates in quarterly meetings with members of CORVA, Stewards of the Sequoia, Bakersfield 4WD Trailblazers, Ridgecrest Gear Grinders, Southern Sierra Fat Tire Association, and other individuals interested in OHV educational related issues. Forest Supervisor Tina Terrell was hosted this year by Stewards of the Sequoia and CORVA on a field trip to the Piute Mountains (southern portion of the District). The trip was organized to build more positive working relationships with the Forest and OHV community, to share information and become better educated on OHV related issues.

OHV patrols offer educational talks with their OHV visitor contacts every week. This includes checking spark arresters, ensuring OHV visitors have proper equipment/gear, are riding responsibly and follow rules and regulations. The Forest webpage has a link for OHV related information on the Tread Lightly program, maps of OHV riding areas, OHV brochures, and a link to the California State Parks Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division's website at www.ohv.parks.ca.gov <<http://www.ohv.parks.ca.gov>>

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
X	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
X	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
X	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
X	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards	X	Other (specify): <u>Adopt-A-Trail Program</u>	
	CDs		Television	
X	Community meetings	X	Parades	
X	OHV Dealers	X	Radio	
X	Fairs	X	School Programs	
X	News Releases	X	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>Ongoing survey/inventory of sensitive species includes species most sensitive to OHV use: northern goshawk, forest carnivores (fisher, marten, others) and spotted owl. Seasonal trail closures are used if needed to protect reproductive success.</p> <p>Monitoring is tied to regional monitoring program that is designed to make cause and effect determinations for species at risk.</p> <p>Monitoring includes impacts of trails on species. Recommendations for minimization of effects may include: rerouting, repair or temporary closures if needed.</p> <p>The conservation grant is requested to expand this level of monitoring.</p> <p>OHV routes within close proximity to nest sites have been temporarily closed, re-routing has not been necessary for this reason. Trail maintenance funding is used in part to maintain the trails in a condition and location that reduces off -site dust issues.</p> <p>Trail design features are used to minimize erosion and sediment delivery to streams. Stream crossings are monitored for expansion and effects on riparian vegetation. Stream crossings are armored or reconstructed as necessary.</p>				
(Check all that apply.)				
X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.

The Sequoia NF OHV sound level testing program has been in effect since 1989. It is intended to ensure compliance, educate OHV users about sound level testing and monitor users. Due to increasing concerns from different groups and organizations, sound monitoring, testing and enforcement is a great concern to the forest and a high priority for the State OHV Commission.

Sound level testing is conducted on most (50% or more) holidays and weekends when there is increased visitors using OHVs on the Kern Plateau, Greenhorn Mountains, Breckenridge Mountains, Piute Mountains and other areas of the Sequoia National Forest. In addition, voluntary sound testing is provided as a courtesy at Blackrock visitor center or FS offices in Kernville and Lake Isabella by qualified personnel that have received training.

The stationary sound test, the OHV must be warmed up and in a stationary position with the rider on the OHV. The ground must be relatively flat, with 16' or more clearance from obstruction and other noise(s) or high winds. A wire gauge is used to determine the required engine RPM setting. Set by the Motorcycle Industry Council, once the desire RPM is reached, the sound meter is held at the same height as the end of the exhaust system at a 45 degree angle at 20". This test is conducted by qualified OHV technicians (FPO)s and Law Enforcement Officers at random times and locations or as a prerequisite to participate in a OHV organized event under a special use permit.

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.

a. Voluntary sound level testing is available **(Check only one if applicable)**

☒ On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends **(3 points)**

☐ Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) **(2 points)**

b. ☒ Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing **(1 point)**

c. ☐ Applicant does not conduct sound level testing **(no score)**

Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
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Maximum points available for General Criteria 62

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Sierra National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>26.18</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	3	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

a. All OHV and OSV routes and trailheads are clearly marked with signage that indicates the challenge level. The OHV routes use easiest, more difficult and most difficult as their skill levels. Symbols are also used to indicate challenge levels. A green circle indicates easiest, blue square indicates more difficult and a black diamond indicates most difficult. These symbols are also used to designate challenge level on snowmobile routes. Both OHV and OSV have trail markers along all routes to help guide users along their way. The “High Sierra Winter Recreation Guide” and the associated Recreation Opportunity Guides (ROGs) show detailed information on challenge levels and descriptive trail information. Reference FSH 2309.18.1 Trails Mgmt, 2309.13.232a Exhibit 01.

b. The high country OHV routes are 2800 feet to above 6500 feet in elevation. These routes are available from June 1 to November 1, sometimes earlier if snowfall is minimal. A high percentage of the level 2 roads on the Forest are also closed due to snowfall. Sometimes roads at 3000 feet in elevation can be used as OHV opportunities, but wet conditions can often close these roads for weeks at a time.

The snowmobile routes can go into service as November 1 and often provide opportunities until early as May, if conditions are ideal.

A couple mid-elevation routes to Hite Cove (2800 feet in elevation) and Shuteye Peak (4800 feet in elevation) are available with longer seasons but close most of the winter due to snowfall and wet conditions.

c. Both OHV and OSV routes provide opportunities to various types of vehicles as described in the free “guides” and ROGs available to visitors. These vehicles must be licensed for OHV or OSV use by the State and must meet all operating requirements. Snowmobile routes accept snowmobiles along with ATVs. OHV routes are open to ATVs, motorcycles, 4x4 vehicles of all types, including the new side-by-side types such as Rhino, Rangers and Mules. Homemade or factory purchased vehicles such as dune buggies and rock buggies are allowed as long as they display a State Greensticker for Off Highway Use.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)

a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)

	1-2 skill levels (3 points)		
X	3-more (5 points)		
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5
Concur.			

b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available

	1 to 4 months (1 point)		
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)		
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2
Concur.			

c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)

	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)		
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)		
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)		
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3
Concur.			

4. PAST PERFORMANCE

Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for **all** Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.

Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-SI-2-75	11/01/2004	01/31/2006	\$120,000	N		100
OR-SI-2-76	11/01/2004	08/31/2007	\$83,000	N		100
OR-SI-2-71	11/01/2004	01/31/2006	\$9,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$0	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:						

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)

a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	0	The item checked is inconsistent with projects listed in past performance. No data is provided to determine the appropriate item.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

With the cooperative efforts of the Forest Service, Sheriff's Department, California Highway Patrol and the volunteer four wheel drive patrols, motorcycle clubs, Sierra Snowmobile and Pineridge Nordic Ski Patrols monitoring of the visitors users can be adequately managed. Two Law Enforcement Officers and portions of up to six Forest Protection Officers will patrol the Forest's trailheads, route and trail systems on weekends, holidays, and other high-use periods. All routes and trails will be patrolled with an emphasis on sensitive and closed areas and wilderness boundaries. The Forest Protection Officers, District OHV/OSV Specialists, OHV Recreation Technicians, and OHV temporary employees will coordinate and assist the volunteer OHV/OSV patrols in the sensitive and closed areas. OHV patrollers are on the route system 4-5 days a week during the summer months. Volunteers patrol almost every weekend and many week days in the summer months. Volunteers are fully aware of the need to prevent intrusion into sensitive, closed, or wilderness areas. The Law Enforcement Officers will coordinate with the other law enforcement agencies to secure assistance and reconcile critical enforcement issues such as creating unauthorized user defined routes, wilderness intrusion, wild & scenic river intrusion, protecting natural resources in sensitive and closed areas. Both the volunteer and Law Enforcement patrols will place an emphasis on the education of OHV/OSV users in regard to applicable State and Federal laws.

The Forest primarily uses the "carsonite" style sign system, as well as standard Forest Service signs and posters. All identified routes are marked typically with a carsonite post containing the trail name and/or number, "OHV Funds at Work" sticker and FS Shield. The termini of the trail as well as intermediate points are marked with "Trail" designators. Where needed, carsonite posts are installed closing an area and/or barricades reinforce the closure sign. Usually we have our volunteer trail crew or patrollers install railings made out of native cedar poles or also construct barriers from large boulders.

Signing and barriers will be used throughout the Forest to keep vehicles on designated routes and out of closed and sensitive areas. Properly placed signs assist in preventing soil loss along the route and in the more sensitive creek-crossing locations, protecting sensitive plant species, and preventing a loss of wildlife habitat. In areas where continual problems occur, barriers are constructed to block illegal access and to prevent multiple routes. Approximately 30% to 40% of route designator signs are replaced yearly due to vandalism, theft, and weather damage. This is a high priority since routes can be hard to distinguish in the rocky, alpine areas that are predominant in various places on the Forest OHV areas. Failure to comply with these signs is a citable offense.

The Forest emphasizes the importance of protecting sensitive, closed areas, private property and designated wildernesses.

Portions of the above can be referenced in the "2007 High Sierra RD Summer Off-Highway Vehicle Operation Plan" and the "2007 High Sierra RD Winter Recreation Operation Plan," and Draft Bass Lake RD Sign Plan, Sierra NF Law Enforcement Plan

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

The Sierra National Forest has adopted the Tread Lightly! program for visitor educational materials. Annual Tread Lightly! ordering includes, user guides, vehicle trash bags, basic message handouts and give-a-ways (stickers, key rings etc.) for use in the field and at our Visitor Information Stations. The "Tread Lightly" message helps to inform visitors of responsible behavior while using an OHV in a forest environment as well as Snowmobile use, hiking, equestrian, fishing, hunting and camping. Each District also produces site-specific destination brochures on OHV opportunities, a map of the area, and information emphasizing the regulations as well as including "Tread Lightly" messages.

The Forest provides many Tread Lightly! products to OHV operators and volunteers as rewards for their conservation efforts. From guides on four-wheeling to t-shirts to thermal cups, these incentives show our gratitude and stress the message of "caring for the land". The Tread Lightly! message is posted on bulletin boards and in brochures to remind and educate visitors of resource protection and multiple-use of the trails.

Our most utilized and asked for brochure is the "Greensticker OHV Riding Areas", which has all the laws and regulations for Greensticker registered OHVs, along with maps of alternate riding areas. The single page recreation opportunity guides (ROGs)/maps for the various OHV routes, including the "Miami OHV Area", are also used to educate and gain compliance to OHV regulations.

OSV/OHV Staff attend snowmobile club and four wheel drive club meetings and contact local OHV and snowmobile dealerships. Officers address OSV/OHV registration expectations, safety concerns, noise emission levels, safety concerns and wilderness and resource protection issues. Literature and handouts, some from the State, are given to dealerships for dispersal to customers.

The Forest holds four poker run events annually. The permittee's Operating Plan states, "The permittee will educate the participants of the event of the topic that relates to land ethics or proper four wheeling skills." The Operating Plan is a supplement to their Special Use Permit.

Quarterly OHV/OSV Meetings take place in the Forest Supervisor's Office and are open to the public. In the past there have been presentations on topics such as noxious weeds, drugs labs, and responsible four wheeling. OHV Management on the Forest has implemented diverse ways to educate the public such as: displays and presentations at large shopping malls, county fairs, staffing booths at state OHV conventions, and presentations at high schools and colleges.

Portions of the information above are referenced in the "2007 High Sierra RD Summer Off-Highway Vehicle Operation Plan" and the "2007 High Sierra RD Winter Recreation Operation Plan," Bass Lake RD Draft OHV Education Plan, Bass Lake RD Draft OHV Safety Plan.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Billboards		Other (specify):	
	CDs		Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings		Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers		Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:				
<p>The best management practices (BMPs) used by the USDA, Forest Service Region 5, were compiled from Forest Service manuals, handbooks, contract and permit provisions, and policy statements. They fall under the following categories of management operations: timber, road and building site design, mining, recreation, vegetative manipulation, fire suppression and fuels management, watershed management, and grazing. Their purpose is to direct or indirectly improve water quality and abate or mitigate impacts while meeting other resource goals and objectives. They are of three basic forms: administrative, preventative, and corrective. These practices are neither detailed prescriptions nor solutions for specific problems. They are actions initiating mechanisms which call for the development of detailed prescriptions and solutions. They identify management requirements and considerations which are to be addressed prior to and during the formation of alternatives for land management actions.</p> <p>BMPs are implemented by the Forest Service to protect water quality as mandated by the Clean Water Act of 1972, as amended. A Management Agency Agreement (MAA) between the State Water Resources Control Board (State Board) and the Region 5 Forest Service waives discharge requirements for certain Forest Service non-point source discharges provided that the Forest Service implements State Board approved BMPs and procedures and the provisions of the MAA. These procedures include the R5 BMP Evaluation Program. The BMPs are further described in the Forest Service Region 5 Soil and Water Conservation Handbook (FSH R5 Supp 1). On-line documentation of Region 5's water quality management program can be found at the following website: <http://www.r5.fs.fed.us/water_resources/waterquality/index.html></p> <p>Information from above reference from "Water Quality Management for National Forest System Lands in California," dated September 2000, Sierra National Land Management Plan.</p>				

(Check all that apply.)				
	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting			
	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present			
Scoring: 1 point each				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.

<p>8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.</p> <p>Sound level testing is performed occasionally during special events or outreach programs. Often times county sheriff officers attend, along with OHV staff and law enforcement officers. These programs are held to educate the users on new or developing laws that may affect their OHV forest experience. Having a large group available or use of a check station to contact users is a great opportunity for controlled sound testing.</p>
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Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
X	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Six Rivers National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>72.57</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	3	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under "scoring" at the bottom of this page.

The Six Rivers National Forest Plan allows Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) travel on designated routes only; there are no open areas available for OHV use.

Off-highway vehicle recreation on the Forest is primarily a dispersed type activity, occurring principally in association with other recreational pursuits, most notably hunting and camping. Other OHV related activity occurs on a regular and continued basis forest-wide. This activity often has, as its primary focus, operation of off-highway vehicles for touring and other sport/recreational use. Such activity is commonly family oriented, but the Forest also frequently provides a venue for organized off-highway vehicle club activities and events.

Most of the Forest road system provides opportunity for the beginning user, where as, the available motorized trail system primarily provides and identifies, by signage (difficulty ratings), opportunity for the intermediate and advanced user.

Normally, OHV opportunity on the Forest is available year long. However, most use occurs during the months of April through November due to more favorable weather conditions.

The Forest provides opportunities for all types of wheeled OHVs. Currently, the Forest's transportation system contains 521 miles of non-paved road available for street legal vehicles (e.g. sport utility vehicles (SUVs), 4X4 pickups, jeeps, and motorcycles) and another 1,638 miles of road available for high-clearance, street legal and/or registered vehicles (e.g. SUVs, jeeps, ATVs, and motorcycles). In addition, the Forest provides 26 miles of shared use trail, and dependent on the particular trail, provides use for jeep, and/or ATV, and/or motorcycle. All these trails also provide opportunity for Mtn. Bikes, horse, and foot travel. Refer to the Forest's INFRAstructure records (available at the Forest) and to the Pilot Creek Watershed Trail Use Strategy Environmental Assessment (EA), Chapter II, Alternatives Including the Proposed Action, Alternative C", page 21 current and on file with the OHMVR Division.

In addition, a 150-mile long segment of the California Back Country Discovery Trail (CBCDT) traverses the Mad River Ranger District, connecting to the south with an 86-mile section of the trail on the adjacent Mendocino NF. This route includes both paved and unpaved roads, and is designed for travel by street legal, sport utility type vehicles. Portions of the route are open to travel by off-highway "green sticker" vehicles. An interpretive guide/brochure is available for the trail and the trail is identified on the Forest's Visitor Map (available at the Six Rivers NF Headquarters and District's). Development of the CBCDT utilized State OHV cooperative agreement funds.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE						
Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for <u>all</u> Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.						
Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-SR-27	11/01/2004	01/31/2006	\$35,000	N		100
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$318,764	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					19	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
<input type="checkbox"/>	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

Forest regulations and policy both restrict operation of motor vehicles, including off-highway vehicles, to designated routes (roads and trails) only.

Owing to the widely dispersed, and often family based, nature of OHV activity on the Forest, the enforcement program emphasis has, historically, had a public service orientation and emphasized an education approach in hopes of promoting safe, responsible OHV use. However, during times when the nature of OHV activity becomes more intense, such as during deer hunting season, the enforcement posture becomes more aggressive. Similarly, specific locations in the Forest, such as riparian zones, open grassland glades, and a number formally designated Wilderness and Botanical Areas, are more susceptible to adverse impacts resultant of illegal OHV use, such as the case in the newly designated Mt. Lassic Wilderness area, formally the Lassic Botanical and Geologic Area within the Mad River Ranger District. These areas are targeted for aggressive patrol and enforcement efforts. Some of these efforts include signing, blocking unauthorized routes leaving roads, and Forest orders prohibiting certain activities (e.g. past Forest orders in place to prohibit cross-country travel in the Lassic area, now a wilderness).

Specific areas of enforcement emphasis are as follows:

VEHICLE REGISTRATION, EQUIPMENT AND OPERATION
 VEHICLES PROHIBITED OFF ROADS AND DESIGNATED TRAILS
 VEHICLE TRESSPASS INTO DESIGNATED WILDERNESS
 PROTECTION OF SEASONAL WILDLIFE HABITAT CLOSURE AREAS
 PROTECTION OF SENSITIVE/THREATENED PLANT AND ANIMAL SPECIES AND THEIR HABITAT
 SEASONAL ROAD AND AREA CLOSURES
 PUBLIC AND PRIVATE LANDS INTERFACE
 DEVELOPED RECREATION

User education programs such as TREAD LIGHTLY and RIGHT RIDER are being stressed. Educational materials are currently available at the Six Rivers National Forest Headquarters and District offices.

Monitoring efforts conducted are essential in the detection of intrusion into sensitive areas, private property, and designated wilderness.

Law enforcement patrols associated with the conformance of all applicable laws and regulations, and consistent with management objectives for the protection of forest resources and property primarily occur on a daily basis throughout the year. This patrol is achieved by the District Law Enforcement Officers and Forest Protection Officers.

Further foreseeable actions necessary to solve OHV intrusion problems include:

1. Complete the Forest's Region Five OHV Route Designation process currently underway providing both the public and law enforcement with a Motorized Visitor Use Map illustrating where motorized recreational use is allowed.
2. Implement in 2007, additional barrier placement (boulders) at specific locations adjacent to the Mt. Lassic Wilderness (formally Lassic Botanical/Geologic area) to prevent cross-country travel and barrier placement on the Smith River National Recreation Area for the protection of sensitive plants. This restoration project was funded through a 2005/2006 Cooperative Agreement (OR-2-SR-31) with the State OHMVR Division. This is in addition to two other past cooperative agreements funded by the State for boulder placement on the Forest.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
X	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
X	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
X	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
X	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

In general, forest-wide, the emphasis of public education and outreach regarding off-highway vehicles is to promote safe and responsible use in conformance with applicable laws and regulations, and consistent with management objectives for protection of forest resources and property.

Off-highway vehicle recreation on the Six Rivers NF is primarily a dispersed type activity, occurring in association with other recreational pursuits on a regular and continuing basis. This activity often involves the operation of OHVs for touring, hunting, camping, and other sport/recreational use and is commonly, family oriented.

Owing to the widely dispersed, and often family based, nature of the OHV activity on the Forest, the enforcement program has, historically, had a public service orientation and emphasized an educational approach in hopes of promoting safe, responsible OHV use.

The regular presence of trained law enforcement staff patrolling the Forest provide an effective interaction with the OHV public. As a result of this type of law enforcement coverage, multiple forms of outdoor recreational pursuits can be enjoyed with a high degree of compatibility and acceptance. The Forest intends to continue to provide OHV management that is environmentally sound due in part to visitor compliance gained through information and education provided through enforcement activities. Also, the use of volunteers is expected to further increase in order to assist in accomplishing additional patrols, and providing information and education.

Over the past several years the Forest has seen a tremendous increase in illegal actions related to OHV use by hunters using ATVs in pursuit of game. These Forest visitors tend to be less informed than "recreational" OHV users when it comes to rules and restrictions regarding use of these vehicles on public lands. The Forest continues with efforts to educate hunters about safe and responsible use. Currently, this education is being accomplished through signage, Tread Lightly and Right Rider information, and increased field contacts in problem areas.

Again, user education programs such as TREAD LIGHTLY and RIGHT RIDER are being stressed. These and other educational materials are customarily available at local events that the Forest participates in (e.g. Ruth Lake Summer Festival, Godwit Days, etc.) and are available at the Six Rivers NF Headquarters and District offices. These principles are even identified on the Six Rivers NF Visitor Map.

Other forms of education and outreach specific to OHV use on the Forest include:

1. A 150-mile long segment of the California Back Country Discovery Trail traverses the Mad River Ranger District. An interpretive guide/brochure is available for the trail that incorporates safe and responsible use messages.
2. An extreme amount of public outreach (e.g. public meetings, news releases, website information, etc.) is occurring as a result of the Region Five OHV Route Designation process currently underway here on the Forest. The culmination of this process will provide both the public and law enforcement with a Motorized Visitor Use Map illustrating where safe and responsible motorized recreational use is allowed.

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): <u>Use of volunteers.</u>	
	CDs		Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings		Parades	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	OHV Dealers		Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs		School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				
	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c			

X	No (answer items b and c)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
X	Yes (5 points)			
	No (no score)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

Best Management Practices (BMP), as outlined under the Forest Service Region Five Master Agreement with the State Water Quality Control Board, are used for water quality management on National Forest System lands within the State of California.

These BMPs as developed in cooperation with the State of California Water Resources Control Board are incorporated into all implemented projects on the Forest having included environmental documentation. Also, the Forest annually conducts BMP monitoring to evaluate the implementation and effectiveness of BMPs.

This can be exemplified by example. Included in this Six Rivers National Forest Cooperative Agreement application are environmental documents pertaining to projects requesting funding, namely the Orleans Transportation and Road Restoration Project Environmental Assessment (EA) (attached), and the Pilot Creek Watershed Trail Use Strategy EA (current and on file with the OHMVR Division). Both these environmental documents contain BMP design feature mitigations, and monitoring necessary to insure that the actions proposed will not have a significant effect on the environment.

Best Management Practices incorporated into the Orleans Transportation and Road Restoration Project are outlined in the EA (see EA, Appendix G, pgs. 137-138) and are applicable to both roads and trails. Some specific examples include: 1/ a limited operating period (LOP) for using heavy equipment to decommission roads within 100 ft. of un-surveyed Spotted Owl habitat, 2/ construction of large berms at the entrance of each decommissioned road, clearly barricading the road from future vehicle access, and 3/ use of native plants, native mulch and rock to minimize surface erosion after road decommissioning treatments, especially on stream crossing removal sites. In addition, each decommissioned road would be monitored throughout project implementation to ensure that project design prescriptions are implemented. After the first winter, post-treatment channel adjustments would be monitored through conducting BMP Effectiveness Monitoring to determine whether the treatments met prescribed goals.

A key attribute of the Pilot Creek watershed, the Forest's OHV emphasis area, is its importance for maintaining anadromous fish stocks. In recognition of this a variety of BMPs are incorporated into the Pilot Creek Trail Use Strategy. Some specific examples include the installation of water control features, hardening channel crossings, placement of artificial tread, minor trail re-routes, retaining walls, barriers, tread repair, and monitoring needs to avoid, minimize, or eliminate the foreseeable effects of management activities. Also, the use of a LOP on one trail (Trail 5E17) prohibits use due to wildlife concerns.

(Check all that apply.)

X	OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting
X	Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present

Scoring: 1 point each

Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
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8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
<p>Law enforcement personnel have indicated that non-compliance of the State's new sound level standards is not a large problem on the Six Rivers National Forest. Most OHV enthusiasts visiting the Forest operate newer non-modified equipment. However, the Forest's law enforcement personnel are capable of and do conduct sound level tests.</p> <p>Most of the Forest's OHV use occurs on the Mad River Ranger District which has a sound meter to assist in OHV sound enforcement. On occasion the Forest receives inquiries as to where an individual can have a sound test performed. Depending on their location (e.g. local coastal communities) and for their convenience the Forest will direct them to the BLM Arcata Field Office to have the test performed. This saves the rider time and cost plus ensures the vehicle will be in conformance when they visit the Forest.</p>				
Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	1	Division Findings	1	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				

Evaluation Criteria
(OHV Form K, Part 1, General Criteria)

Applicant:	USFS Tahoe National Forest	Application Year:	2007/2008
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GENERAL CRITERIA: To be completed by Applicants applying for Project Types other than Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program

*NOTE: Items 1 through 8 below are to be answered for the **entire area** managed by the Applicant on which OHV Recreation is allowed.*

1. Ratio of Visitation to OHV Opportunity				
Enter the Visitor/Opportunity Ratio from OHV Form D: V/O Ratio = <u>487.07</u>				
<i>Scoring: Ratios will be compared for all Applicants except Applicants only applying for Law Enforcement or OHV Safety and/or Education Program Applicants and sorted into fifths.</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The top fifth receives (5 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The second fifth receives (4 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The third fifth receives (3 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The fourth fifth receives (2 points)			
<input type="checkbox"/>	The last fifth receives (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	5	Calculated Score

2. Quality of OHV Opportunity - Well Managed Trails and Areas.				
A well managed trail program includes the features listed below: <i>(Check all that apply.)</i>				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map with OHV Recreation opportunities clearly shown			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Map indicates difficulty rating of each OHV trail			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trailheads include support facilities (restrooms, picnic tables, trash cans, shade structures)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Trails are well signed with trail names, directional signs (where appropriate), difficulty ratings, mileage to next feature, etc.			
Scoring: 2 points each for a maximum of 8 points.				
Applicant Score	8	Division Findings	8	Concur.

3. Variety of legal OHV Opportunity

In 500 words or less, describe the skill level, time, and type of OHV Recreation provided in the areas the Applicant manages. Address the items listed under “scoring” at the bottom of this page.

The Tahoe NF offers all levels of riding for motorcycles, all terrain vehicles (ATVs), four-wheel drive (4X4 or 4WD) and snowmobile enthusiasts. Legal off-highway vehicles (OHV) and over-snow vehicles (OSV) opportunities are available throughout the Forest. For summer opportunities, the Tahoe NF operates and maintains twelve staging areas, approximately 150 miles of 4WD trail, 167 miles of designated motorcycle trails, 19 miles of designated trails suitable for ATVs 1,764 miles of graveled and native surface road and Prosser Pits OVH area which is a 45 acre open area where the main activity is motocross style motorcycle riding. Depending on the location in the Forest, riding is available twelve months of the year. For winter, usually a four to five month time period, a total of 234 miles of groomed OSV trails utilizing both Forest Service and County snow-covered roads are provided from four specifically designated OSV staging area locations. In addition, over 800 miles of ungroomed Forest roads are open to OSV use and are accessed from both the designated groomed OSV systems as well as from less formal trailhead locations throughout the Forest. In addition to the designated groomed OSV trails, OSV is open to unrestricted use on approximately 314,000 acres within the snow zone. The Tahoe NF maintains three “Sno-Parks” which are located at Donner Summit, Yuba Pass, and Yuba Gap.

Sugar Pine Recreation Area near Foresthill supports the highest use of motorcycles on the Forest with some ATV use as well; most of these trails are easy or moderate with lesser areas offering more difficult trails. The Burlington Ridge area near Nevada City provides both easy to moderate riding while the motorcycle trails in the East and West Yuba areas provide challenging remote opportunities with much lighter use. This latter area provides one of the only high Sierra opportunities for semi-primitive, highly challenging motorcycle trails and is considered a valuable resource for motorcycle riders. In the Truckee area, Boca, Stampede and Prosser Reservoir areas provide easy-to-difficult motorcycle trail riding. ATV use is scattered around the Forest and primarily uses rough Forest system roads and 4WD trails. The Forest has only a limited number of trails designed for ATV use located in the Sugar Pine area. 4WD opportunities are focused in the Fordyce area; there is an annual Sierra Trek event that occurs on this very difficult and challenging jeep trail with 2,000 participants. In the Truckee and Sierraville areas, there are several 4WD trails with moderate challenges.

Our OHV/OSV trails provide opportunities in a variety of settings from semi-primitive motorized areas to fairly developed roaded natural areas. Tahoe NF's trails offer a range of trail experiences in terms of length, range of difficulty levels and range of recreation opportunities including access to dispersed camping, access for fishing, hunting, scenic vistas viewing wildlife, and other opportunities to explore the back country of the Forest. Some of our staging areas and trailhead facilities are accessible by design.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item, a, b, and c.)				
a. Skill levels: Beginning, Intermediate, Advanced (demonstrated by publicly available maps or signage marking trails with difficulty ratings)				
	1-2 skill levels (3 points)			
X	3-more (5 points)			
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
b. Times in which OHV Opportunity is available				
	1 to 4 months (1 point)			
X	5 to 12 months (2 points)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Type of OHV Opportunity (ATV, dirt bike, 4x4, OSV)				
	Opportunity for only 1 vehicle type (1 point)			
	Opportunities for 2 vehicle types (2 points)			
X	Opportunities for 3 or more vehicle types (3 points)			
Applicant Score	3	Division Findings	3	Concur.

4. PAST PERFORMANCE						
Show the Applicant's performance on completion of Grants or Cooperative Agreements for the most recent year of completed Projects. Complete the table below for <u>all</u> Projects funded in that year. Add additional lines, if needed.						
Project Number	Contract Start Date	Project Completion Date	Amount Allocated	Extensions Requested (Y/N)	Reason for Extension Request (if applicable)	% Funded Deliverables Achieved
OR-2-T-84	04/14/2003	01/24/2006	\$325,000	Y	time extension	98
OR-2-T-85	02/25/2004	01/24/2006	\$44,000	N		97
OR-2-T-88	10/29/2003	10/31/2005	\$100,000	Y	time extension	97
OR-2-T-90	12/31/2004	01/31/2006	\$197,000	N		86
OR-2-T-93	04/26/2006	07/23/2007	\$147,000	N		97
Cost of OHV Program for most recent complete fiscal year (not to include cost of indirect overhead):					\$666,000	
% Funded by OHV Trust Fund:					60%	

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for each item a, b, and c.)				
a. Funds expended in a timely manner				
	No requests for extension other than for acts beyond the Applicant's control (2 points)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
b. Confirmation of Deliverables within the original timeframe or any approved time extensions. Up to 3 points based on % of Deliverables?				
	100% of Deliverable accomplished (3 points)			
X	90% of Deliverables accomplished (2 points)			
	80% of Deliverables accomplished (1 point)			
Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
c. Agency Contribution: During the most recent complete fiscal year, what percentage of the total cost of managing the OHV program was provided by the OHV Trust Fund?				
X	No OHV Trust Funds were used (4 points)			
	10% or less of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (3 points)			
	11% to 25% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (2 points)			
	26% to 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (1 point)			
	More than 50% of the program cost was from OHV Trust Fund (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	0	The calculation indicates that 60% of the cost of the applicant's OHV program in the most recent complete fiscal year was OHV Trust Funds.

5. Prevention of OHV Intrusion - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's program to prevent intrusions, including intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, and designated wilderness areas. Describe frequency and type of patrol and other measures used to reduce or detect visitor intrusion into sensitive or closed areas, private property, or designated wilderness.

Like other National Forests in California, the Tahoe NF is completing the Off-Highway Vehicle Route Designation process and in its final phases. Once implemented, all motor vehicle use will be restricted to "Designated Routes Only". The Tahoe will be impacted heavily with respect to emphasis on heavy public contacts and education; thus, the Forest will have a need for enhanced law enforcement presence.

Funding is being requested for additional vehicles to assist with law enforcement needs: a dual sport motorcycle and two over-the-snow vehicles (OSVs). An additional dual sport motorcycle will allow Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) to cover more ground and to contact more users (per day); this will make Forest efforts more efficient and effective in a large specific target area. Safety and resource damage issues are occurring along the Fordyce 4x4 route. We will continue to work in conjunction with the Sheriff's Department on patrolling Fordyce since it is critical to providing for officer's safety and an essential tool for providing consistent monitoring and presence. While the Forest has several OSVs, it only has a few capable of accessing the steep, extreme, remote terrain where violations are occurring. A great need exists for two more OSV's to assure enforcement personnel have the equipment necessary to safely support this continuing effort. The existing machines are approaching the end of expected service life or are fast becoming cost prohibitive to maintain.

Aside from occasional intrusions into designated closed areas of public lands, there are currently no known major complaints or concerns by private landowners with the Forest

Contingent upon funding, the Tahoe NF will continue to have a good uniformed officer's presence, proactive public contact and education, and where applicable, utilization of the legal system to deal with violators. Additionally, the Forest currently has three new LEOs in basic academy training.

By the time this grant application is processed, these three LEOs will be dealing with OHV issues and will need to be fully equipped with personal protective equipment (for both summer and winter needs), and other tools to do their jobs. Additionally, they will require specific mandatory riding training and further formal OHV training.

The Tahoe NF has been partners with the State since 1987 and is generally accepted to be an acknowledged leader in Forest Service recreation OHV use, education, enforcement, and riding opportunities. There has been a tremendous investment in time, money, and personnel committed to the program. The approval of this funding and equipment is essential to continuing our mutually shared goal.

Scoring: (Check the one most appropriate for items a and b.)				
a. Is site designed to prevent intrusions (e.g., completely fenced track facility).				
X	Yes (10 points, skip to item 6)			
	No (answer item b below)			
Applicant Score	10	Division Findings	10	Concur.
b. Applicant has a program to monitor and prevent intrusions.				
Patrols to monitor/prevent intrusions (Check the one most appropriate)				
	Patrols are performed at least 5 days per week (5 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per week (3 points)			
	Patrols are performed at least once per month (1 point)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.
c. Preventive Measures (Applicant can receive scores for both items listed below)				
	Barriers/signing used to prevent intrusions (3 points)			
	Education programs or brochures provided to public address intrusion issues (2 points)			
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.

6. Education and Outreach - Education and outreach are essential components to a well managed OHV Recreation program. In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's education and outreach program.

Education and outreach are conducted daily both by district Forest front office personnel (and Supervisor's Office personnel) and by field going personnel including Law Enforcement officers (LEOs) and Forest Protection Officers (FPOs). Handouts include Forest trail brochures and maps. Additionally, LEOs and FPOs set up tables, a pop-up tent, and information trailer at OHV staging areas during the busiest weekends and are available to provide direct, one-on-one education with the riders and provide necessary educational materials. The trailer, tent, and other handouts used on these weekends were purchased with past OHV Cooperative Agreement dollars. Forest personnel disseminate OHV recreation safety and regulation information opportunistically when in the forest field setting.

The Tahoe NF OHV/OSV user group involvement include North Tahoe Snow Travelers, One Track Mind, Diablo 4-Wheelers, California Association of Four-Wheel Drive Clubs, Placer County Search and Rescue, High Sierra Motorcycle Club, Riders Under the Sun, Friends of the Rubicon, Tahoe Back Country Ski patrol, Nevada County Woods Riders, Four Dice 4WD Club, Grass Valley 4WD Club, Sierra Buttes Trail Stewardship, Sierra Buttes Snowbusters, Sacramento Jeepers, Boony Bouncers, California Off-Road Vehicle Association (CORVA), National Off-Highway Vehicle Conservation Council (NOOHVCC), Friends of Foresthill OHV Trails (FOFOT), and many motorcycle volunteers dedicated to OHV recreation activities. These valued groups conduct summer and winter patrols while making user contacts with motorized and non-motorized Forest visitors and assisting with information and regulatory signing. They also participate in special use events.

Public education is also provided via the Tahoe NF webpage where recreation OHV information is posted such as OHV trail information (electronic versions of hardcopy brochures/maps), special notices, trail closure information, and avalanche information. Additionally folks on OHV specific electronic mailing lists receive requested and notice information.

The American River Ranger District's volunteer groups have also contributed to the education and Outreach program. In the past year, the Friends of Foresthill OHV Trails (FOFOT) volunteer group has committed time and effort to ensure that OHV enthusiasts are riding safely and responsibly. While conducting trail maintenance (694 hours) and Facility maintenance (13.5 hours), the FOFOT volunteer group contacted other riders and campers to educate them about OHV rules and regulations such as staying on the designated trail, avoiding meadows and sensitive areas, and trail ethics. Additionally, the FOFOT volunteer group has set up booths at the staging areas and at town events to educate the public regarding OHV safety and resource concerns (124 hours).

The Tahoe NF will continue with innovative approaches to OHV law enforcement including the Sierra Trek and Run-A-Muck events, ride-a-longs and informational booths

a. Elements of Education and Outreach - (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Maps and/or brochures are provided to visitors describing safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Information concerning safe and responsible OHV Recreation is posted on bulletin boards or kiosks at staging areas, trailheads, or other areas where the public gathers			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Programs (educational talks, school programs, etc.) are presented to the public to educate them on safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Applicant maintains a web page that includes information regarding safe and responsible OHV recreational practices			
Scoring: 1 point each for a maximum of 4 points.				
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
b. Outreach - What forms of outreach does the Applicant participate in? (Check all that apply.)				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Billboards	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (specify): <u>Table/Trailer at OHV Staging Areas</u>	
	CDs		Television	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Community meetings		Parades	
	OHV Dealers		Radio	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fairs		School Programs	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	News Releases		Web page	
Scoring: 1 point each up to a maximum of 5 points.				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	5	Concur.
7. Natural and Cultural Resources				
a. The OHV area and lands immediately adjacent to the area have no known Special-Status Species habitat (e.g., a completely fenced track facility with little or no native vegetation). Describe in the space provided below.				

X	Yes, as described below (5 points) Skip item b, and go to item c
	<p>The proposed project provides for barriers to protect the natural and cultural resources. At trailheads and staging areas, barriers are used to protect the surrounding areas. These include actual fences, rock barricades, and gates. The most used OHV trailheads are enclosed or fenced with designated entry and exit points containing the motorized traffic.</p> <p>With past OHV Cooperative Agreement funding, the Forest has and will continue to install barriers that blend in with the natural environment in vehicle closure areas; these can be boulders, tree stumps, and/or felled trees from tree thinning operations and earthen barriers placed back to back to deter entry. Concrete blocks and gabions are used to protect stream crossings.</p> <p>Erosion and sediment control features at trailhead, staging area, and toilet facilities include rocked and paved parking and pedestrian areas. These features are located Sugar Pine, Parker Flat, China Wall, Indian Springs, Chalk Bluff and Prosser.</p> <p>Garbage is picked up either once or multiple times depending on the need; bear proof containers are installed at facilities such as Sugar Pine and Prosser. Previous experience has proved that innovative techniques have raised the level of service for the OHV/OSV communities. Examples of techniques or services include the following: unloading ramps to load or unload OHV/OSVs in a safe and timely manner; bulletin boards and kiosks that inform users of trail locations, regulations and OHV safety information, and modified camp spaces that accommodate changing recreation vehicle size.</p> <p>On those occasions that uniformed Tahoe NF personnel are on facility sites, Forest Service presence allows for a decrease in vandalism, degradation, and abuse of the facilities such as reckless speed, which creates rutting of the surface of gravel parking areas and graffiti which ruins the surface of buildings and signs. Consistent presence has also had a direct correlation to increased public education on natural and cultural resources and positive interaction between users, volunteers, and Forest Service personnel.</p> <p>Specific examples of OHV activity and sensitive cultural and biological resources are Randall and Elliott Ranch meadows; these areas were abused by OHV use in the past but have since been fenced (by OHV Cooperative Agreement funding in the year 2000). As a side bar, NEPA has been conducted to protect the resources in OHV areas. Through monitoring efforts, resource specialists identify areas of concern that will require attention for future preservation efforts. Wildlife monitoring includes both summer OHV and winter OSV areas.</p> <p>No known heritage sites are adversely affected by trail maintenance activities or the use of the routes. Routine trail maintenance projects are screened/exempt undertakings per the programmatic Agreement of October 1996 between the US Forest Service (National Forests of Sierra Nevada), the California State Historic Preservation Officer and the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.</p> <p>Ranger districts in the past have accepted and installed many donated items such as steel and cables for fencing, recycled concrete blocks to support stream crossings and reused sign posts and barriers.</p>

No (answer items b and c)				
Applicant Score	5	Division Findings	0	The box checked contradicts the WHPP/HMP documents.
b. Resource Management Information System				
<p>The Applicant maintains a management information system managed by qualified environmental staff that identifies and monitors the impacts of the OHV activity and contains at least the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing survey/inventory of species • Biological monitoring that measures changes in populations • Components that evaluate the effects of OHV recreation and related activity on the species • Recommendations for improvement in species management • Strategies to respond to changing conditions that affect the survival or reproduction of species 				
Yes (5 points)				
No (no score)				
Applicant Score	0	Division Findings	0	Concur.

c. Best Management Practices - In 500 words or less, describe the Applicant's best management practices which are designed to protect and enhance the viability of species in the area(s) of OHV recreation activity as follows:

The Tahoe NF abides by the BMPs issued by our Regional Office (September 2000) guidelines. Practices include sampling, surveillance and sanitary surveys of primary contact recreation waters; providing safe drinking water supplies, documentation of water quality data; control of sanitation facilities; control of solid waste disposal, assurance that organizational camps have proper sanitation and water supply facilities; sanitation at hydrants and water faucets within developed recreation sites; protection of water quality within developed and dispersed recreation areas; location of pack and riding stock facilities in wilderness/ primitive areas and water quality monitoring of off-highway use according to a developed plan. Practice 4-7 states that a systematic process will be in place to determine when and to what extent OHV use will cause adverse effects on water quality. Forest plans will identify areas, or routes where OHV use could cause degradation of water quality; establish baseline water quality data for normal conditions as a basis from which to measure change; identify water quality standards and the amount of change acceptable; establish monitoring methods and frequency; identify controls and mitigation appropriate in management of OHVs; and restrict OHV use to designated routes. Monitoring results are evaluated against the OHV plan objectives for water quality and the Tahoe plan objectives for the area. Results are documented along with actions necessary to correct identified problems. If adverse actions are occurring, then immediate corrective action will be taken such as reduction in the amount of OHV use, signing or barriers to redistribute use, partial closure of area, rotation of use on areas, closure to causative vehicle types or total closure and structural solutions such as culverts and bridges.

The Tahoe NF Off-Highway Vehicle Route Designation EIS Goals and Strategies are explicit in direction regarding OHV recreation use. If California spotted owl and Northern Goshawk Protect Activity Centers, and marten and fisher den sites have documented evidence of disturbance, impacts will be mitigated. There will be limited vehicle access on key deer winter ranges when deer are present and during periods of migration and fawning. There will be established roadside screening along open roads in areas important for migration, fawning, or concentrated seasonal use. Roads will be located away from meadow edges where alternative routes are available. Other areas addressed in the EIS relating to recreation OHV include riparian conservation areas and critical aquatic refuges, disturbed watershed acres restored by limiting intensive management, soil restoration water quality protection, unstable areas, unauthorized activities and OHV use and transportation issues.

Wheeled vehicle travel off designated routes, trails and limited OHV use areas will be prohibited. When a resource is significantly damaged by trail use; maintenance, relocation of construction will be given priority over trail closure. Trails may be restricted or closed on a temporary basis. Trail development will be favored over indiscriminate cross-country use. Public motorized use will not be permitted in the Forest Service designated Recreation Opportunity Spectrum (ROS) areas of Primitive and Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized areas, but allowed in Semi-Primitive Motorized, Roaded Natural, Rural, Modern Urban areas.

(Check all that apply.)

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| X | OHV Opportunities are isolated from Special-Status Species and/or sensitive habitat areas, or there are seasonal closures when Special-Status Species are present and/or nesting |
| X | Sound, dust or other adverse impacts to Special-Status Species are controlled to avoid effects on species that are present |

Scoring: 1 point each

Applicant Score	2	Division Findings	2	Concur.
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8. Sound Level Testing- Sound level compliance is important to minimize conflicts. Does the Applicant conduct, or cause to be conducted, sound level testing on OHVs operating in the Applicant's area? In 500 words or less, briefly describe the Applicant's sound testing program.

During the 2002 summer season, the Tahoe Law Enforcement & Investigations (LEI) conducted Sound Testing Forest-wide with primary emphasis on both Foresthill and Truckee Ranger Districts. Sound Testing was done under an OHV "Check Point" approach. Check Points consisted of a justification to conduct testing, a written plan of operation, and directions to follow for dealing with violators.

The choice to utilize check points is as follows. Foremost, it was done to assure that OHV users were being checked by using a pre-determined random number. This approach assured there were no appearances of "Profiling" and/or "Selective Enforcement" issues or claims with users riding OHVs with unjustified reputations of being too loud.

The second reason was to take all the data gathered and send it to an unbiased third party to have the data analyzed and charted on a Bell Curve. The subsequent results of the 445 OHVs tested showed that overall data (2 & 4-Stroke combined) determined, with a 95% confidence level that only 90% of the random sampling was within the legal limits. When separated out, 92% of the 4-Stroke and 88% of the 2-Stroke were within the legal limits.

An OHV Check Point consisted of informational signing set up prior to entry into the area. All vehicles entering the check point were counted and documented. All OHVs were subject to a registration check and spark arrester inspection prior to use. When the predetermined number was reached, e.g., every fifth OHV through, the OHV was subject to a mandatory sound test. If it failed, it was given two more tests to assure the initial results were accurate.

Those subject to mandatory sound testing were educated, given a warning, and directed not to ride until the vehicle was brought into compliance. The vast majority of the 445 tested were voluntary. Those not passing a voluntary test were only warned.

During the subsequent years, random OHV Check Point Sound Tests were performed to a lesser degree. Due to funding not being available to calibrate the sound meters (for court purposes), those found in violation were not issued citations, but were warned and directed to not operation their OHV on any public lands until the vehicle in question was in compliance. Users requesting or scheduling an individual voluntary sound test were accommodated 99% of the time.

Due to absence of noise complaints, lack of funding to calibrate the meters, the 90% compliance rate and the lack of personnel available to assist with this compliance issue, sound testing, became less of a priority over other local OHV impact issues. Check points require a minimum of two Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) and at least three Forest Protection Officers (FPOs) or volunteers to be properly staffed.

Sound testing is generally conducted on weekends only. 100% of all OHVs participating in a Special Use Permit such as Enduro's event must pass sound testing to participate. If funded, the Tahoe NF will commit to another season of random sampling and produce another Bell Curve statistics analysis.

Check the boxes below that most accurately describe the Applicant's sound testing program.				
a.	Voluntary sound level testing is available (Check only one if applicable)			
X	On most (50% or more) holidays and weekends (3 points)			
	Occasionally (testing is done, but on less than 50% of holidays and weekends) (2 points)			
b. X	Applicant conducts law enforcement sound level testing (1 point)			
c.	Applicant does not conduct sound level testing (no score)			
Applicant Score	4	Division Findings	4	Concur.
Maximum points available for General Criteria 62				